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Missed opportunity for affordable homes

PLANS to turn Bridport's former magistrates' court into retirement flats represent a "missed opportunity" to build affordable homes in the heart of the town, according to critics.

Churchill Retirement Living is proposing to convert The Court House, in Rax Lane, into sheltered housing for the elderly, and has submitted detailed plans to West Dorset District Council for consideration.

The retirement developer says housing supply in Bridport must cater for a growing elderly population, but the Future Bridport group believes young first-time buyers are being abandoned.

"Though I appreciate we have an ageing population and their need for accommodation, I personally find it very sad that the old magistrates' court is being developed for retirement flats," said Future Bridport campaigner Ian Harvey.

by Jack Dixon

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"This is a missed opportunity to have low-cost homes in the town."

Churchill plans to convert the vacant building into 26 retirement flats, comprising 18 one-bed and eight two-bed properties.

According to the developer, the number of people

aged 65 and over is expected to increase by 11.6 per cent by 2017 – an extra 3,200 elderly people – and by 2037, the age group will make up almost 40 per cent of Bridport's population.

In reports submitted as part of the application, a Churchill representative said: "The impact of under-occupation is significant and will worsen as the proportion of older people in the population increases, both now and in the long term."

"Our analysis of the key factors affecting future growth and of local supply and demand balance pro-

vides a compelling market case for additional private sheltered housing in West Dorset." ■ **TURN to page 3**

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■ **LICK OF PAINT** | The team at Bridport's Red Brick Café unveiled a colourful new sign at the weekend, designed and delivered by artist Jemma Thompson.

A fellow member of the St Michael's family, Jemma spent three weeks hard at work on the sign, which was finally revealed to customers on Saturday morning.

The café's co-owners were thrilled with the new design - and they hope to add another splash of colour to the estate later this year when they open a garden in a small plot next to the café.

Co-partner Anna Vogel said: "There are lots of new things happening here and it feels like life on the estate is really thriving."

"We want to say a big thank



you for Jemma for all her hard work, and to Haywards and Co [estate owners], who have given us this plot to open a small garden. We hope to have it up and running in the summer."

Anna (left) is pictured with Jemma Thompson (centre, left) and the café's other co-partners (left to right) Hayley Mason, Joy Bariana and Vicky Furner.

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ROZ Copson moved to Dorset in 1980 and has lived in West Bay for seven years. She continuously campaigns for a better mental health service in the area and helps and those living with a mental health illness through two support groups – Moving On and Harmony Drop-in.

Roz previously worked as a radar operator in the Women's Royal Army Corps and the assistant to the head of security in the Intelligence Corps before working as a prison officer at the a borstal for women.

She was also recently named as runner-up in Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's South West Mental Health Hero awards.

● COULD you tell us a bit more about what Moving On and the Harmony Drop-in centre offer?

They both offer a much needed place to go to meet others, find support and friendship, and get in touch with activities, groups, courses or community events or advice and signposting. Moving On, as a registered charity, has also provided facilitators for activities such as swimming, many craft activities and outings. Harmony has only been open for a few weeks, but members have started cooking, art, craft and music activities. The two groups complement each other.

● HOW did you work with the centres come about?

I suffer from OCD, a very debilitating psychiatric disorder. I found working incredibly difficult and each time I was offered promotion, I found the responsibility became too much. However, I do need to fill my time and I also want to help fellow sufferers from mental illness as much as I can. A lot of service users don't want to speak out about the hardships and, often, injustice they suffer, and I made up my mind that I would always speak out on their behalf.

I was a volunteer at the Dorset Mental Health Forum, which led to founding the forum's Oak Tree social club – something which everyone at the time thought was impossible to achieve. Since then, I've volunteered at the Moving On group in Bridport, and last year was one of three founders of the new Harmony drop-in centre in Downes Street.

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taking part in the
60 Second Interview,
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● YOU have also campaigned a lot about cuts to mental health services, could you tell us more about this and what you have done?

Mental health has never been funded equally with physical health in Dorset. The present cuts bear more heavily on the mental health services as beds have been cut and in-patients might be in hospital many, many miles away. The home treatment strategy is under severe pressure because of lack of staff.

I joined the HUGS campaign against the bed closures at the Hughes Unit at Bridport Hospital and I brought a judicial review of Dorset Healthcare Trust's lack of proper consultation over the changes. It was hard, and we didn't win, though some strong criticisms of the process were made, but I feel the

campaign has really highlighted service users' rights to be consulted. I speak up for this whenever I can, and I've been interviewed on radio, TV and in the press. I must pay tribute to the work done by HUGS leader Simon Williams and so many other service users and carers to get the service they deserve.

● WHAT is next to come for the Harmony Drop-in centre? What do you hope it achieves?

We're growing fast! We have more members, meaning we're reaching more people who would otherwise be struggling alone. Hearing members say that they're gaining strength from attending and helping each other, as they do, is part of what we hope for. We want to end the stigma still surrounding mental illness in some people's minds, by showing just what we can achieve.

● DO you think the Harmony Drop-in centre and Moving On group have been helpful in the local area?

Definitely yes! For some people it is truly a lifeline. You would never believe how much members and volunteers have taken it to their hearts. For people to be able to help themselves to get on a sound footing, whether with their friends, families, work or learning, must be helpful to everyone in the community. There is such an atmosphere of friendship and optimism.

● WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?

The Duchess of Cambridge, because she seems so friendly and unaffected, I'd love to talk to her, the manager of my football team, Spurs, and Judith, who is the owner of Paddy, the Berkshire Search and Rescue dog I sponsor - as long as Paddy comes too.

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Police crash brings suspect to a halt

POLICE in Bridport have arrested a suspected drink or drug driver who put pedestrians' lives at risk, after officers carried out a "tactical" collision in the town centre.

A police car slammed head-on into the sus-

by Jack Dixon

pect's vehicle outside Peacocks in East Street last Wednesday afternoon (February 25th), after the driver had mounted the kerb and caused pedestrians to scatter in panic.

A spokesperson for the force said the officer had made "tactical contact" with the suspect's vehicle in order to protect members of the public.

The dramatic scene unfolded shortly after 2pm, right in front of traders and shoppers at the height of the weekly street market.

Neither the police officer who caused the collision or the suspect were injured in the crash, which brought both vehicles to a stop at the junction with Downes Street.

The police car had been travelling along East Street when it spotted the vehicle, a silver Rover, on top of the kerb moving in the opposite direction.

The driver collided with three other cars and then continued along the road with two wheels on the pavement, causing pedestrians to rush out of the way.

A spokesperson for the force said: "At this time a police vehicle was in East Street travelling in the

opposite direction, when the Rover was seen driving on the pavement.

"To prevent serious injury to members of the public or indeed the occupants of the Rover, the police driver used her vehicle to make tactical contact with the Rover, which was stopped at the junction with Downes Street.

"Neither he [the driver] nor the police officers were injured in this accident and the passenger in the car was checked by paramedics at the scene before being released."

Police later confirmed that the driver, a 42-year-old man, was arrested at the scene.

He and another man had been spotted getting into the car in West Allington, before driving off towards the town centre.

A witness said they both appeared to be under the influence and that the driver had been "barely able to stand."

The road was closed for some time while those involved were treated by paramedics, with traffic directed away from the scene via South Street.

Other witness and anyone with information about the incident is advised to contact PC Stuart Smith of the Dorset Police traffic department by calling the 101 non-emergency number.



■ THE crash happened last Wednesday afternoon outside Peacocks at the junction with Downes Street

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Missed opportunity

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But critics have dismissed Churchill's proposals as another example of planning policy that is driving young people out of Bridport.

They say first-time buyers are unable to get onto the property ladder and are being priced out of the town.

Responding to the developer's application, Gundry Lane resident Rebecca Stones said: "Bridport needs more affordable homes for first-time buyers and young families in order for the

town to continue to grow.

"What this town needs is an incentive for the younger population to stay put in housing that they can afford and not for more retired people moving into the area.

"If we allow this type of application to continue, Bridport will become just another struggling seaside town with an elderly population and not the vibrant community that we need to encourage."

Members of Bridport Town Council's plans committee met to discuss

Churchill's application on Monday, where further concerns were raised about the building's visual impact on the town.

Residents of Garden Close, which is opposite The Court House, believe the proposed complex is too high and will "loom over the town."

Councillors also commented on the loss of parking spaces at the complex, where Churchill is only proposing to provide nine bays.

Councillor Martin Ray said a similar problem at Peelers Court had led to drivers parking on the grass.

Councillor Philip Lathey added: "We are not against the development, we are against the height and the impact that it will have.

"We also need to look at the potential for more parking spaces within the development as well.

"People are driving at an older age now and there is also the need for some of the residents of those properties to have carers, who will need to park somewhere."

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'Turnaround plan' for waste partnership

by Jack Dixon
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COUNCIL chiefs will meet next week to discuss an urgent "turn-around plan" for the Dorset Waste Partnership, after the scheme overspent by almost £3 million.

The director of the partnership, Steve Burdis, has been temporarily suspended while the process is carried out.

The partnership – funded by the seven Dorset councils – was formed in 2011 to boost recycling and cut costs, but has come under fire in recent months for its budget management.

The DWP joint committee, whose chairman previously described the partnership's failings as "unacceptable", will now consider the findings of three separate reviews.

Councillors will also receive a report from Dorset County Council's monitoring officer revealing that the partnership hired vehicles without a proper tendering process.

They are set to approve an action plan at the meeting, after an independent investigation was launched into the matter.

Officials are reviewing the DWP's vehicle hire and efficiency procedures, following a reported overspend of £2.8 million.

The project will be temporarily led by Mike Harries, the county council's director for environment and economy, and Steve Mackenzie, chief executive of Purbeck District Council.

District Council.

Consultants at WYG have also been appointed to oversee the improvement plan and "restore confidence" in the scheme.

Councillor Anthony Alford, leader of West Dorset District Council and chairman of the DWP joint committee, previously said: "Councillors will carefully consider the recommendations from the independent reviews to agree the necessary actions and future direction."

"Dorset councils remain committed to working together to provide the best possible waste services for the best possible value during these very challenging times."

The DWP joint committee will meet on Wednesday (March 11th) to discuss the reviews.

Tri-council plans approved

COUNCILLORS have given their final seal of approval to "ground-breaking" plans to establish a tri-council partnership in Dorset.

Members of West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council have agreed to complete the deal with colleagues in North Dorset, which will see costs reduced by £6 million by 2020.

Under the terms of the agreement, the three authorities will share a single workforce, with current WDDC and W&PBC chief executive Matt Prosser, heading up the new partnership.

Each council will remain independent and equal, and councillors will still be able to make decisions affecting their areas.

The two authorities reached their final decisions last week, after North Dorset District Council had already approved the plans.

● WEST Dorset District Council has agreed a near two per cent increase in its share of council tax.

The authority claims that local residents will be paying one of the lowest council tax rates in the country and describes the increase as "modest".

For most homes in the district, the increase –

together with those for the county council, emergency services and town / parish councils – will mean average spending on local services of around £2,000.

Councillor Anthony Alford, Leader of the West Dorset District Council, said: "We are proud to charge one of the lowest council tax rates in England."

"Huge efforts are being made to reduce costs and protect services. We are working in partnership with other councils where we can and also reviewing how we provide services. This is a difficult time for local government but we are meeting the tough financial situation head-on."

The council says it expects to have £9million less to run services with by 2020 than it had in 2010, due to a decrease in funding and rising costs.

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Public First: thank you for your support

PUBLIC First Group would like to thank the speakers and audience at the Electric Palace, Bridport, on February 20th, attended by 231 people.

We are also very grateful for contributions made by attendees towards the cost of hiring the hall, insurance, etc.

Many signed the Petition Form, which seeks to set a path to move West Dorset District Council away from a 'cabinet' form of governance to a 'committee' form.

The issue is a simple one in that the Localism Act 2011 allows a choice of forms of local governance, and enables residents to trigger a referendum on them on achievement of five per cent of those on

the electoral roll signing the petition.

Our Bucky Doo Square follow-up signing session on Saturday, February 28th was very successful – it achieved 512 new signings.

More signing sessions are being arranged – details will appear on the website publicfirstgroup.co.uk

West Dorset residents are not alone in seeking to move from cabinet government – where the leader typically selects five or six colleagues from the same party for the central policy-creating role – and to move to a 'committee' form of governance.

It was achieved in Fylde in Lancashire. Then in Canterbury the Conservative Council, aware of the apparent strength of feeling at the petition stage,

decided to change of their own accord from a cabinet to committee system, so allowing all councillors a role in policy-making, and avoiding the need for residents to fund any referendum.

West Dorset District Council would have the option of doing this, ensuring no referendum cost, but of course is under no obligation to do so.

Public First Group will continue to exercise its right to argue the case for the 'committee' system, which we believe to be more democratic, inclusive and likely to benefit from a wider spread of opinions during policy-making.

JOHN GRANTHAM,
Secretary, Public First Group

The views expressed in these letters are those of the author and not necessarily of this newspaper

TIC decision on hold

DISCUSSIONS over the future of Bridport Tourist Information Centre have come to a halt until a new town council is elected in May.

A review into the service is still ongoing, and West Dorset District Council is expected to make a decision at the end of the year.

Bridport Tourist Information Centre is still at risk of being closed as part of WDDC's service review to save at least £300,000.

But town councillors have agreed to come back to the issue when a new council is in place after the local elections in May.

Bob Gillis, Bridport town clerk, said: "It is still going through the review and they have concluded with decisions being taken by West Dorset District Council in December or January.

"They are due to carry on consulting with stakeholders over the next few months, and then a public consultation will follow later in the year.

"We have a new council starting after May and we will come back to this issue along with the other service reviews after that time, with a view to looking at the options for the tourist information centre.

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"The town council's view remains that they would like West Dorset District Council to carry on maintaining that service, but as we know, they are looking at it and reviewing all the alternative options.

"The town council will be a part of those discussions and they will pick up again after May."

West Dorset District Council is currently in the process of a major review of its services and has earmarked TICs as a potential area to make savings, admitting that some could be reduced or stopped altogether.

The Bridport and District Tourism Association fears that the closure of the TIC could have a detrimental effect on local businesses as they could lose out on tourism from across West Dorset.

WDDC anticipates to have around £9.2million less per year to spend on services in 2020 compared to 2010, and potential cost-cutting solutions are being discussed.



PLANS for the future of Bridport Tourist Information Centre have been paused until a new council is elected in May

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Backing democracy

I WOULD like to endorse Ros Kayes' comments last week about the democracy meeting in Bridport regarding missing councillors.

What she didn't state was that none of the other four district councillors who represent Bridport were there either.

Also, Gillian Summers, chairman of WDDC and also a Bridport Town Councillor, was not only absent but posted the following message on Facebook: "Don't get drawn into this until you have looked at the personal history of the people who are organising it and their motives."

Well Councillor Summers, the motives are to get people drawn in and to demand that the people who are supposed to represent them, not only do so, but are seen to do so.

The organisers are not party affiliated and are dedicated to one thing – democracy; surely not something to scare people away from!

Her party has an appalling record of representing us at every level. Since last May, the average attendance by Tory councillors at town council meetings is just over four meetings each.

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Call to honour Broadchurch creator

A BRIDPORT councillor is calling for *Broadchurch* creator Chris Chibnall to be formally recognised by the town for his tireless efforts to promote tourism in the area.

Councillor Keith Day, ward member for Bridport North, said Mr Chibnall deserved high praise for driving the so-called 'Broadchurch effect', which has boosted local businesses since the series returned to television screens in January.

Councillor Day said West Bay had seen an "unprecedented" explosion in visitor interest during February thanks to the show – a trend that has helped to keep traders in business during the winter.

And he has now floated the idea of

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renaming a street after the screenwriter – or even rebranding the West Bay seafront 'Chibnall Pier'.

"The 'Broadchurch effect' has been considerable throughout West Bay and Bridport, with an amazing increase in visitor numbers, even in the worst months of winter," said Councillor Day.

"In my opinion, the numbers of visitors to West Bay during this last weekend has been unprecedented for mid to late February. This has had a corresponding beneficial effect on the businesses of Bridport.

"I would like to suggest that the town gives some form of recognition to Chris Chibnall for single-handedly doing more to raise the profile of Bridport and West Bay, and for promoting tourism in this area more than anything or anyone else has for years."

The second series of the critically acclaimed ITV drama, parts of which were filmed in the area, came to an end last month.

But its run has sparked a boom in visitors to West Dorset once again, replicating the success of the award-winning first series.

Local hotels have reported a growth in bookings as fans of the show flock to catch a glimpse of the show's famous scenery.

And the series is widely regarded as having been one of the main drivers in boosting tourism in the area.

Mr Chibnall was presented with an award for the "most significant contribution to local tourism" by the Bridport and District Tourism Association last year. And the success of *Broadchurch* has won him plenty of plaudits from peers in the entertainment industry.

But now Councillor Day is launching a campaign calling for the show's creator to be given a unique honour for his efforts closer to home.

He added: "Mr Chibnall has received many awards – national and international – for his writing.

"Indeed, he has been enormously

prolific in his output, with a range of styles and formats. However, it is for *Broadchurch* that he has received his greatest acclaim.

"I think it would be fitting if he could receive recognition from the town that he has made famous – from the people of the town where he lives.

"I would like to ask the people what they think is suitable. Name or rename a road after him?"

"Name the coastal path that leads west up hill from the Esplanade as 'Broadchurch Path'? Name the west pier Chibnall Pier? I am sure the town should do something."

Vearse Farm plans to be made public

DETAILED plans for a major housing development at Vearse Farm will be displayed to the public next week.

Developer Hallam Land Management will present the initial design concepts for its proposals to residents at Bridport Town Hall on Monday (March 9th).

The plans include 760 homes – some of which would be affordable – a primary school, play areas, sports pitches, a care home and a pub.

The developer also intends to set up sustainable drainage systems,

as well as creating footpaths and cycle links into the town centre.

Up to four hectares would also be set aside for employment land at Vearse Farm.

Andrew Birch, regional manager at Hallam Land Management, said the event would help the project team gather a range of ideas and suggestions to develop a masterplan for the site.

"The proposals to be displayed at the exhibition provide an initial framework of how the site could be developed, which has also been

shaped by initial technical studies," Mr Birch said.

"We want to hear from the local community before we submit a planning application and will be displaying our plans at the exhibition.

"Our project team will be at the exhibition to answer questions and listen to feedback. The comments we receive will help us tailor our proposals."

The exhibition will take place at Bridport Town Hall on Monday (March 9th), between 1pm and 7.30pm.



■ Bridport councillor Keith Day says *Broadchurch* creator Chris Chibnall deserves recognition from the town



■ Chris Chibnall has won widespread critical acclaim for penning the first two series of the hit ITV show

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Putting local fishermen first

SEAFOOD chefs at the Hive Beach Café in Burton Bradstock are among hundreds of coastal campaigners backing calls for a greener solution to the fishing crisis that poses a threat to the industry's future.

Volunteers have been out in Bridport and West Bay recently collecting signatures for a unique visual display designed to promote the cause of local fishermen, as the traditional coastal trade is threatened by dwindling fish stocks.

Activists from the New Under Ten Fishermen's Association (NUFTA) have teamed up with environmental pressure group Greenpeace to drive the campaign in support of local, low-impact fishing boats.

The protestors, who will be visiting 23 coastal constituencies in the run-up to May's general election, are inviting people who feel passionately about their communities to back the campaign.

They will be bringing the 'Rising Tide' fishing boat to West Dorset, as part of a plan to add the signatures of 500 local supporters to a bunting display on board.

Barry George, head chef at the Hive Beach café in Burton Bradstock, said he was fully behind the campaign: "We source our produce from the local day boats because we believe in their ethics and fishing methods," said Mr George, whose team has been supporting NUTFA's campaign since 2012.

"We support the demands for a higher quota to go to low-impact, local fishermen. There is nothing that compares with the quality they provide."

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Activists have drawn up a five-point plan of action, which includes: giving local, sustainable fishing boats a fair share of the quota; restoring fish stocks by rewarding selective fishing methods; protecting the ocean in a way that benefits coastal communities; giving local boats priority access to coastal waters; and ensuring small-scale fishermen are represented at the highest level in Europe.

The campaign is visiting West Dorset this month in search of 'coastal champions' – parliamentary representatives who can take up the cause in Westminster.

Two public meetings will be held – one in Lyme Regis and a second in Weymouth – to which the constituency's parliamentary candidates will be invited and encouraged to sign up as 'coastal champions'.

The two events will feature a question and answer session with the par-

liamentary candidates, who will then be invited to sign up to NUTFA and Greenpeace's plan.

The first takes place at the Cobb Centre in Lyme Regis on Wednesday (March 11th) at 6pm, before a family event at Weymouth's Custom Quay on Saturday (March 14th) between 11am and 1:30pm.

Irene Statham, co-ordinator of the West Dorset Greenpeace group, said: "Local volunteers have been in Bridport and West Bay collecting 500 signatures on bunting to decorate the 'Rising Tide'.

"We are inviting all those who care about coastal communities to attend one of these events and to challenge their parliamentary candidates to put local fishermen first.

"Recruiting 'coastal champions' from all parties will help to ensure that whatever the next government looks like, it will work to protect the marine environment and coastal communities."

For more information about the tour, visit www.greenpeace.co.uk/coastalchampions



■ HIVE Beach Café chefs Giles Greening (left) and Barry George are backing the campaign

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Weird Fish arrives in Dorchester

WEIRD Fish is the latest big name retailer to arrive in Dorchester, opening their new womenswear concession in Goulds department store on Saturday March 7.

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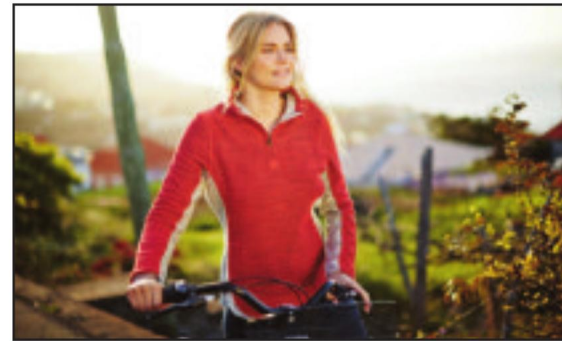
Weird Fish has come a long way since creating its first T-shirt back in 1993, and is renowned for its instantly recognisable slow spun Macaroni sweatshirt. Their relaxed and easy going clothes are designed to give you that forever weekend feeling, which is why Weird Fish is fast becoming one of the country's favourite lifestyle leisure brands.

John Stockton, managing director at Weird Fish, said: "Weird Fish is inspired by the lush green Cotswold hills and a love of the great outdoors and since Dorchester residents have recently been named the healthiest in the UK, I am sure this will be a perfect fit for the company. This is a great addition to our portfolio of stores and stockists and we're very excited to be expanding our reach."

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Broadband dead end could 'devastate' village

FUMING residents in Uploders, near Bridport, have warned that the long-term future of the village is at risk, unless steps are taken to bring superfast broadband to households.

Local businesspeople have formed a campaign group to call for urgent action over the lack of high-speed service, which is directly affecting almost half the households in the village.

The Superfast Dorset project – a collaboration between the government, local authorities and BT to bring high-speed internet to rural communities – is currently rolling out the technology across the county.

But Uploders falls into a remote area that bosses say they may not be able to reach.

Angry residents feel they have been unfairly excluded from the rollout and have been gathering support for a petition they will present to Dorset County Council chiefs next week.

Local businesswoman Claire Upton, who has been surveying residents over the last few weeks, said there had been 100 per cent support for the campaign from villagers.

"I knew there were people like me running businesses in the village, but we were very surprised to discover just how many people

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needed reliable and fast internet for work and/or educational reasons," she said.

"The overwhelming majority expressed their need to use the internet for shopping, entertainment and, particularly among the older residents, to keep in touch with family via Skype and email – the internet is a vital tool for combating rural isolation.

"Without it the village may be unable to retain existing businesses and families, and is unlikely to attract more. In the long term this could devastate the village."

The campaign's survey found that 44 per cent of households in the village have a business, work or educational reason for needing the superfast service.

They fear that the parish will be split in two when nearby Lodors is connected to fibre-optic broadband during the next phase of the rollout.

And the group points out that Uploders is not alone, because the government's target is only to reach 95 per cent of properties in each county.

Claire Upton added: "It is quite deliberate – BT and Super-

fast Dorset just had to identify the five per cent that might be a little more expensive.

"Public money will only go where profits are the biggest. That, to most people, seems the wrong way round."

Complex technical issues mean Lodors, which is just 300 yards of farmland away, can access the Bridport exchange and is due to be connected later this year, while Uploders lies outside the designated zone and could be without the service for some time.

Speaking at a recent meeting of the Bridport Local Area Partnership, Superfast Dorset's Abby Gordon-Farleigh said: "The exchange boundary runs in between the two villages. Lodors is in the Bridport exchange and Uploders sits in the Powerstock exchange area.

"The cabinet that serves houses in Uploders is nowhere near the village – it is so far away that even if we brought superfast to the cabinet, the houses would be too far away to have it and benefit from it.

"It would also be a huge expense and everyone would have to change their telephone numbers.

"We understand it is complicated and is not great news for

everyone."

A spokesperson from Dorset County Council's superfast broadband team said project bosses were continuing to look for ways to extend the rollout to the most remote communities.

"The rollout is modelled on the most effective and efficient deployment of resources available", said the spokesperson.

"Although some communities are not expected to gain access in the current rollout plans, this is not the final picture for these areas.

"We are continuing to extend the reach of the project through additional procurement and improvements in technology."

Similar problems are affecting villagers in Powerstock, Swyre and West Bexington.

For more information about the project, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/broadband



UPLODERS businesswoman Claire Upton says the village could be "devastated" by the lack of high-speed broadband coverage

Renewed warnings after chimney fire

FIRE service officials have renewed safety warnings, following a chimney fire at a property in Bridport.

Retained firefighters fought the blaze in Hardy Road for almost half an hour on Sunday evening (March 1st).

There was no serious damage caused to the building and no one was injured, but the Dorset Fire Service has taken steps to encourage residents to be

aware of the risks.

Officers advise property owners to:

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Plans for community open space underway

A PROJECT to transform a derelict nature reserve into a community garden is well underway.

A committee of residents are redeveloping the Asker Nature Reserve behind South Street car park off Church Street, which is owned by Bridport Town Council, to make it a facility for all ages and abilities.

After initial research, Aileen Shackell – a local landscape designer – was recruited to produce an initial design that went to public consultation last year.

The group have received funding from Bridport Round Table, Bridport Lions Club, Mencap, the Bridport Community Area Fund and Bridport Town Council's environment budget and have already started to clear away brambles and have added a path through the site.

Three benches have already been donated and put in by John Bright Fencing and bird and bat boxes, donated by Animal House in Bridport, have been put up.

Alan Leach, one of the project committee members, said: "The next stage is to start clearing shrubbery, look at developing the pond area and to agree on a planting plan on trees and wildflowers."

"Earlier this month we were delighted to have a visit from Vinny Ganley, Grow Wild UK Partnership manager, and Nick Grey of Dorset Wildlife Trust, who is working with the committee on a five year plan on

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management planting and maintenance.

"We would also be very pleased to hear from any volunteer groups who

wish to participate in clearing and planting."

The committee have also received support and feedback from pupils and staff at St Mary's Primary School and Fisherman's Arms day centre as it is hoped they will benefit from the revamped community space.

They are currently working alongside town surveyor Daryl Chambers to bring together a ten year management plan for the site.

Mr Chambers said: "It is hoped that now some clearing has been done and there is an accessible path through the site, that we will hold a

consultation day to get people's ideas and input to build into the plan.

"This is a great opportunity for a community led group to look after and protect one of the best open spaces in the town."

And although the project is in early days, residents are thrilled with what has already been done to a once abandoned space.

June Cooke, a local resident, said: "After years of trailing through here and wondering what would happen, at long last something is happening and it is exciting."

"It will bring a lot of joy and people are already using the benches – I think it will be amazing."

But the committee would also welcome any help from people that could volunteer their time and clear the site and be more involved with the project.

A spokesman who is helping with the project said: "We are looking for volunteers to help with future tasks such as wildflower planting and sowing, balsam pulling, litter picking and wildlife surveys."

"One of the aims of the project is to encourage local people to participate in the development of the open space and utilise, share and foster local expertise and skills to create a thriving community venture."

For more information and to volunteer, contact Michael Bulgin on 01308 427651 or email bulgin@uwclub.net

■ PLANS to transform the Asker Nature Reserve into a community open space are being headed by a committee of residents. Members of the committee (pictured, from left to right): Mike Bennett, Chris Green, Alan Leach, Lynne Atkinson and Brian Atkinson



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Accolades for Bridport businesses

BRIDPORT can definitely call itself the home of great food and drink in Dorset after local businesses and groups took home five accolades at the first ever Live Love Eat Food and Drink Awards.

Hive Beach Café, Denhay Farms and Bridport Farmers Market were all recognised as the best producers of food and drink in Dorset and the South West.

Denhay Farms, based in Broadoak, took the platinum award for Dorset in the meat and poultry category.

But both Bridport Farmers Market and the Hive Beach Café took platinum awards for Dorset and were named regional champions in their categories.

Steve Attrill, owner of the Hive Beach Café, said: "To win both awards is a double triumph – it was like the South West Brit Awards.

"It is an accolade to the staff, food and ambience but it has taken 20 years of a family business, it doesn't just happen overnight.

"We were absolutely gob-smacked that we had won the regional champion

by Lottie Welch

award, it is fantastic and we must be doing something right.

"We are all very excited, it is a good boost of morale for everybody and a great start to the season and for Bridport."

Live Love Eat is a regional organisation that promotes everything that is good about South West food.

The awards, launched last year, were set up to recognise the great food producers in the area.

Sarah Williams, leader of Bridport Town Council, said: "It is fantastic news that the wonderful Bridport Farmers Market has won the platinum award for Dorset in the Live Love Eat awards – even better that it went on to be named regional champion

"These awards are down to the dedication and hard work of local producers bringing delicious products of quality and variety to Bridport each month and Bridport Arts Centre offering such a brilliant venue in the town centre for them to use."



■ STAFF at the Hive Beach Café (pictured, from left to right) Barry George, Jean Gurd and Charles Greening with the awards from Live Love Eat

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Supermarkets help local food bank

ONE of Bridport's food banks is receiving much needed support from local supermarkets after a surge in visits from local families.

Cupboard Love food bank now has collection stations at Morrisons and Waitrose, after such a great response at Christmas from the public.

The group are also well supported by Lidl who



■ CHRIS Newton-Evans (right) founder of Cupboard Love food bank with volunteer, the Reverend Pete Stone

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donate bread and cakes, which helps volunteers at the food bank with the rising number of visitors.

Chris Newton-Evans, who set up the food bank with her husband the Reverend Andrew Evans, said: "At Christmas we had to empty the collection box at Morrisons twice a week and we received £1,000 from Churches Together and another £1,000 from the Brit Valley Rotary Club alongside individual donations.

"I find the people of Bridport very generous, the boxes get quite full and a lot of money is donated to us – I am really appreciative.

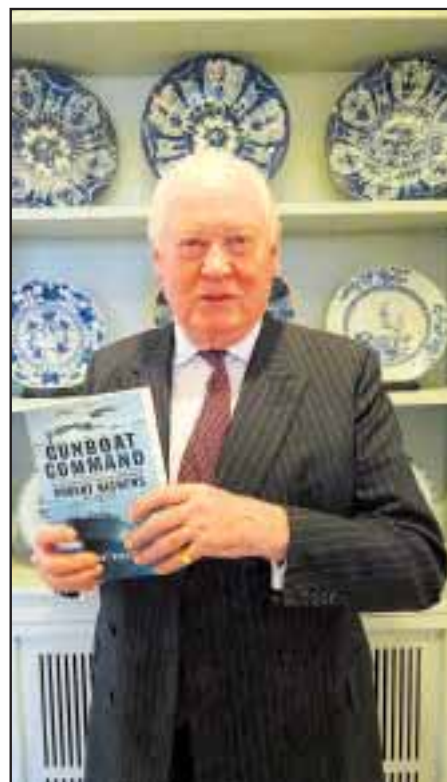
"The response has been overwhelming, Bridport has a huge heart and people give us what we need."

The food bank had one of their busiest Christmases yet, donating 32 full Christmas dinners and 22 hampers to families, alongside 53 Christmas stockings for children.

The amount of people Cupboard Love is helping has also gone up considerably since Christmas from 13 people a week to 23 and the amount of groceries given out at their Munch Club has trebled.

Cupboard Love food bank also has collection points at St Mary's Church in South Street, St John's Church in West Bay, Holy Trinity Church in Bradpole, St Swithun's Church in Allington, Holy Trinity Church in Bothenhampton and St Mary's Church in Walditch.

Author tells of his father's wartime heroics in new book



■ BRIDPORT resident Antony Hichens retells the story of his father, Robert Hichens, in the Second World War in his new book *Gunboat Command*

A BRIDPORT resident has re-told the remarkable story of his father's role in World War II, writes **LOTTIE WELCH**.

Gunboat Command by Antony Hichens is the story of Lieutenant Commander Robert Hichens, who was the most highly decorated Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve Officer of the Second World War.

The book is a tribute to the man known to all in the navy as 'Hitch', who tragically died in action in April 1943.

His son, Antony Hichens, has used his father's diaries, records and accounts of those who served with him in motor gunboats to publish the book.

Antony Hichens said: "We should never forget how thousands of young men, straight from civilian life, crewed hundreds of motor gunboats and motor torpedo boats in the Battle of the Narrow Seas.

"Hitch played a leading role in the development of the strategy and weapons with which the Navy finally triumphed in this bloody struggle.

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Rotary clubs pull together for primary school

THE two Rotary clubs in Bridport joined forces to provide health and drug prevention education to school children.

Members of the Brit Valley and Bridport clubs donated a total of £675 to St Mary's Primary School to ensure a visit to pupils from Life Education Wessex van.

John Dobinson, a member of Brit Valley Rotary Club, said: "We felt that this

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was an opportunity for the two Rotary clubs in the town to work together and so we approached the Bridport club.

"They agreed and a total of £675 was given to the school so that the two day visit could go ahead.

"We hope to be able to do more things together and a joint operation like this is to be encouraged."

Life Education Wessex, also known as the Life Van, helps children between the ages of three and 13 develop the ability to make positive, informed choices about their health, and reduce the risk of drug misuse.

They use a giraffe puppet called Harold

as a teaching tool to engage younger children, which has become extremely popular at schools.

Helen Farmer, headteacher at St Mary's Primary School, said: "Our children look forward to the Life Van visit and especially seeing Harold the Giraffe.

"I am very grateful to the Rotary clubs, who clearly understand the important work the Life Education van does, and their donation has given our children the opportunity to benefit from this."

The two clubs have also recently worked together on the Rotary Youth Speaks competition and have plans to do more combined work in the future.

Bob Jukes, president of the Rotary Club of Bridport, said: "Our two clubs are presently looking into another joint venture project in Brid-

port.

"We put a great deal of importance on supporting the youth in our society."

Woman spotted on cliff edge

POLICE and Coastguard officers took action to ensure the safety of a woman who had been standing on the edge of the cliffs at West Bay on Monday afternoon.

Police said they had concerns for the woman's welfare, after she was spotted on the clifftops at around 12:30pm.

Officers spoke to the woman, who was in her 40s, for almost three hours, before persuading her to step away from the edge.

She was taken back to Bridport Police Station shortly after 3.30pm.

Top of the class for first choices

ALMOST 95 per cent of families in Dorset have secured their secondary school preference, after places were allocated this week.

Dorset County Council wrote to parents on Monday to confirm where their child will be educated from September.

A total of 94.8 per

cent of parents were delivered the good news that their child had been granted a place at their first choice of school.

Of those that missed out, around four per cent got into their second choice, while a tiny proportion were allocated to an alternative school place.

Councillor Toni Coombs, the council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "To have so many young people successful in their first preference of school place is a positive reflection on the number of good and outstanding schools there are in Dorset."



THE Rotary Club of Brit Valley and the Rotary Club of Bridport came together to ensure the Wessex Life Van could visit St Mary's Primary School. Pictured above are Year One pupils with (from left to right) Charles Gaskell, president of Brit Valley Rotary Club, class assistant Hannah Ormsby, class teacher Chris Proctor, Bub Dukes, president of the Rotary Club of Bridport and Eddie Murphy with Harold the Giraffe

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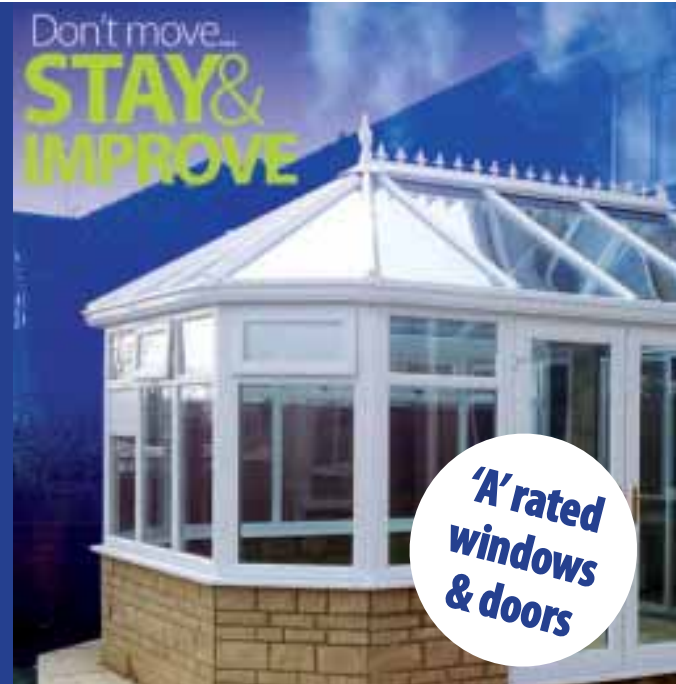




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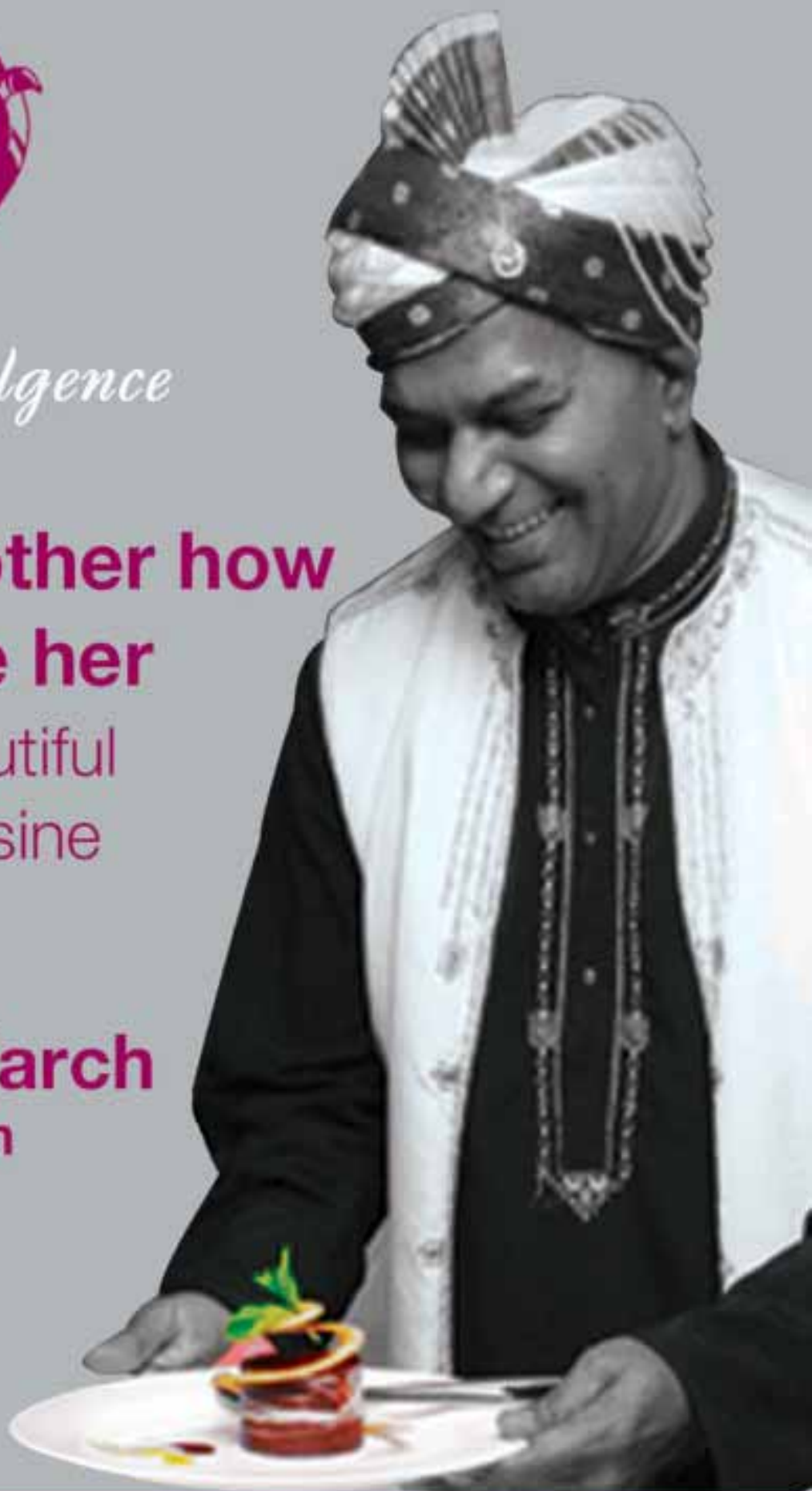
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home.

The return of children to the family home continued on this day throughout the Victorian period, as those who worked as domestic servants or apprentices were given the day off to show appreciation to their mother. While the children made the journey back to their family home they would pick wild flowers that grew along the country lanes as a small gift to present to their mother, which started the tradition to give mothers presents on this day.



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Mental health hero 'humbled' at thanks and recognition

A LOCAL mental health campaigner has been recognised and thanked for all her hard work in the town.

Bridport resident Roz Copson helped secure the premises and funding for the Harmony Drop-in Centre in Downes Street and was recently named runner-up in the South West Mental Health Hero awards.

by **Lottie Welch**
lottie@pemedial.co.uk

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg presented Roz with a certificate last month for her exceptional work in helping, supporting and encouraging those with a mental illness.



■ ROZ Copson with her South West Mental Health Hero runner-up certificate

And members, volunteers and staff at the Harmony Drop-in centre thanked and congratulated Roz with a party, which also tied in with her 65th birthday.

Centre manager Joanne Seward said: "Roz drops in to Harmony several times a week and I am constantly inspired by her kindness to members and her support for me.

"We all feel so proud of her recent award – there could be no more worthy recipient than Roz.

"She is a friend to everyone and, despite living with her own mental health difficulties, constantly strives to help others who are in recovery with her wisdom and caring.

"When new members join us, Roz is available to help people settle in and become part of our happy and supportive group."

The centre continues to go from strength to strength and group surprised Roz with cards and gifts, who was thrilled that so many people had made the effort to celebrate with her.

Roz Copson said: "I was absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown to me by our facilitator Joanne and all the members and volunteers who helped her organise my party. I invited Bridport mayor Councillor Maggie Ray and Councillor Martin Ray and they were incredibly impressed by how the empathy, happiness and facilities of the centre have made such a difference to so many people's lives in such a short time.

"I also feel very humbled at being

■ VOLUNTEERS, members and staff at the Harmony Drop-in Centre thanked Roz for all the hard work and celebrated her 65th birthday with a party



nominated for the Deputy Prime Minister's Mental Health Hero awards.

"From 900 nominations throughout the UK, I was voted runner-up for our region and was delighted to receive it from Nick Clegg in London."

The centre provides informal support to local people who are living

with a mental health problem and is located at 5 Downes Street.

It is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am to 3pm, offering a range of activities.

For more information call 01308 427988 or email harmonydropin@outlook.com

Talk on fracking next week

MEMBERS of the West Dorset Friends of the Earth are hosting a talk on fracking and energy solutions next week.

Charles Miller, who has 25 years experience in the

oil industry, will lead the talk and explain the problems with fracking, providing the audience with information on safer energy solutions.

The talk will take place at

Bridport Town Hall on Thursday March 12th at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

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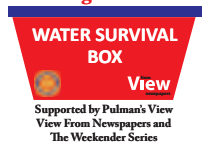
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Although we have now reached our target, we will still be accepting donations for the rest of the year and will gladly support further events to help us boost the fund.

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WE'VE DONE IT! View From's campaign for Water Survival Box reaches its £10,000 target

HAVING launched a two-year campaign in aid of charity Water Survival Box in November 2013, through the support of our wonderful readers and advertisers we have reached our

£10,000 target in just 15 months.

The most recent fundraising event, a quiz night hosted by the Hunters Lodge Inn, near Axminster, raised £300 – pushing the campaign over the

£10,000 mark.

Another £300 from the Rotary Club of Bridport and large donations from generous readers over the last month helped us reach our goal more than

half-a-year ahead of schedule.

Other fundraisers over the past 15 months have included a skydive by View From sales executive Jenna Wellman, a walk from Seaton to Watchet by deputy editor James Coles and his brother, and a weekend challenge to visit every station on the London Underground completed by accounts manager Anita Routely.

Readers of the View From and its sister titles in East Devon and South Somerset, along with local organisations and businesses, have also generously supported the campaign with their own events and personal donations.

Water Survival Box is a disaster aid charity founded by the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge in North Somerset.

Each box costs £150 and includes a water pump and filter system to provide a family of four with enough clean drinking water to last a year, plus a wide variety of other essential and household items to help those affected by disease and poverty during disasters across the world.

Despite having already reached the £10,000 target, we will continue to accept donations for the charity until the end of the year and hope to wrap up the campaign with a charity ball in early 2016.



■ ON TARGET: View From deputy editor James Coles receives £300 from Neville Causely, landlord of The Hunters Lodge in Raymond's Hill, near Axminster

No fracking in West Dorset, says partnership

THE after-effects of extensive fracking in West Dorset could have a "potentially catastrophic" impact on the area's unique natural environment, according to a network of local interest groups.

The West Dorset Partnership – a group of public, private and voluntary sector organisations working to "improve quality of life" in the area – has outlined its opposition to the controversial

process.

In a statement issued to mark Climate Week, Paul Overall, the partnership's chairman, urged the Government to look for more sustainable alternatives. "The outstanding envi-

ronment of West Dorset must not be allowed to be damaged by inappropriate development," he said.

"The Government should adopt a more forward-thinking approach which is more economically and environmentally sustainable than fracking is."

In its 'position statement', the group highlights concerns about the large quantities of water that are used in the process and the resulting contamination of air and water around a fracking site.

The process involves injecting a mixture of water, sand and chemicals through holes into gas-bearing rocks underground. This allows for the gas to be released and collected at the surface.

The West Dorset Partnership launched its position statement as part of Climate Week, which runs from March 2nd to 8th.

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A shipment from India has arrived with lovely new cotton-filled quilts, dressing gowns and tablecloths. There are also new



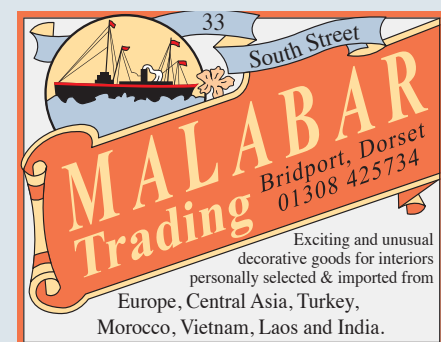
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New Moroccan bowls with silver rims in many colours and sizes have just arrived and there are also some new designs in Japanese bowls.

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The use of colour in your home

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Pitfalls

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Colour schemes

Planning and carrying out your own colour schemes is easy once you understand the principles of colour. Interior designers often seem to have a built-in instinct for what goes with what, and it's true, relying on your instincts and playing around is one of the best ways of learning. But al-

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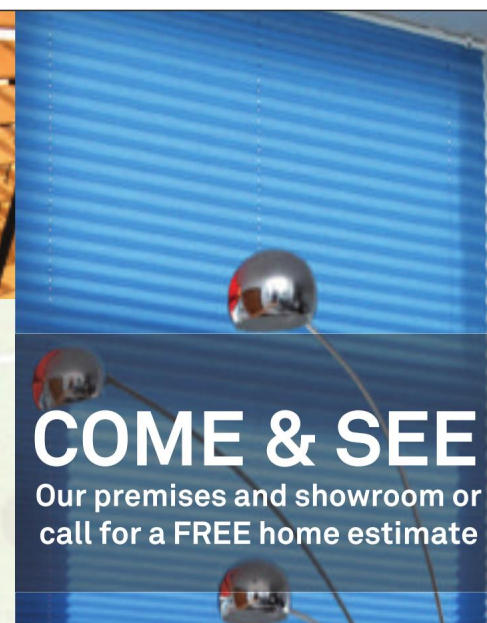
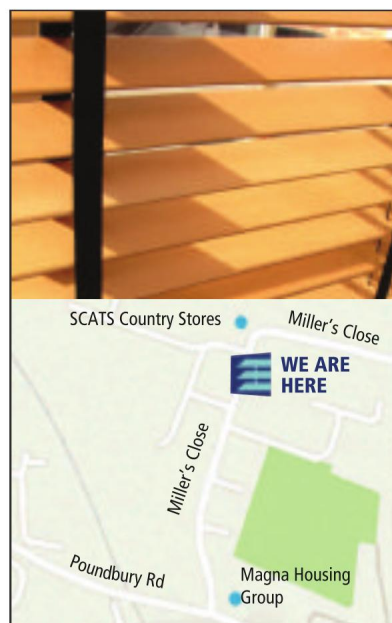
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FRESH CREAM

Family tribute to rock legends *see page 26*

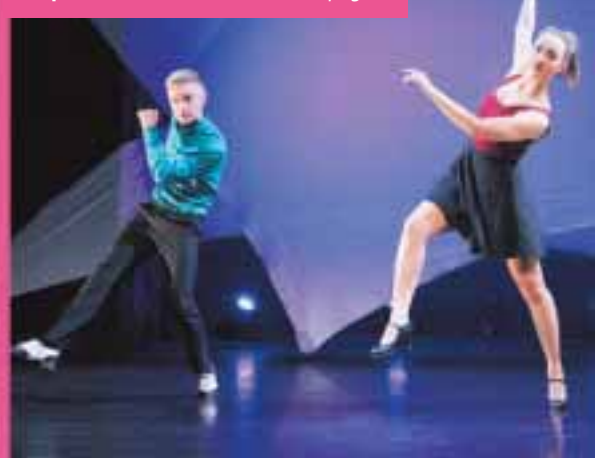


BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Bookends return to Dorchester *see page 30*

SKY FULL OF STARS

Bridport Youth Dance review *see page 33*



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upcoming gigs

Saturday 7 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Relics

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Fresh Cream 9.30pm
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Le Voyage a Paris
Doors 7.15pm. £10/£8
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
DA Blues: Marcus Bonfanti Doors 7.30pm.
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Sunday 8 March
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Gut & Steel 4-6pm
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
The Little Unsaid
Doors 7.30pm. £8/£6

Friday 13 March
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Jazz Café: Charlie Hearnshaw and Philip Clouts 8pm
Ropemakers, BRIDPORT
The Aziz Band 9pm

Saturday 14 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Bug Tree Swamp
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Midlife Crisis 9.30pm
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Lyme Regis Folk

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Sunday 15 March
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Wednesday 18 March
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
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Friday 20 March
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
The Skazki Trio
11am. £10/£8
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Josienne Clarke and Ben Walker 8pm.

Saturday 21 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Forever Free 9.30pm
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
The Skazki Trio
7.30pm. £15

Family tribute to rock legends

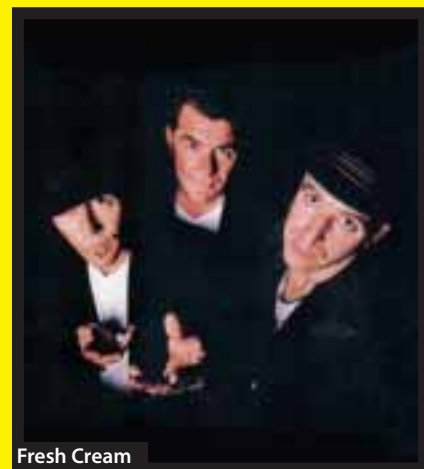
FRESH CREAM

ALTHOUGH together for less than three years, Jack Bruce, Ginger Baker and Eric Clapton had a massive impact on the rock music scene as Cream.

Jack Bruce's son, Malcolm, together with Will Johns (son of legendary producer Andy Johns, nephew of Glyn Johns, Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood and the late George Harrison), team up with drummer Chris Page (ex-Cheese), to pay tribute to the greatest power Rock trio the world has ever produced.

Malcolm and Will capture the mood and energy of Cream and add their own distinctive styles.

The first date of their UK tour is on Saturday night (March 7th) at The Crown Inn, Bridport.



Fresh Cream

Ben Cummings joins Mike Denham at County Museum

TOP JAZZ TRUMPETER AT SPEAKEASY NIGHT

JAZZ trumpet player Ben Cummings visits the County Museum in Dorchester on Friday, March 13th. It's the latest in a line of jazz duets hosted by pianist Mike Denham at the venue, playing music from the golden age of jazz.

Ben is one of the most versatile and sought after trumpeters on the British music scene, having played and recorded at the highest level in almost every genre from New Orleans, vintage and

swing, to funk, soul, pop and salsa. His rich, warm tone coupled with considerable technical ability make him one of the hottest players around. He sings well too!

Just a selection of those Ben has worked with gives a good idea of this versatility: the Humphrey Lyttleton Band, the Puppini Sisters, the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen, NYJO, Jacqui Dankworth, Jamie Cullum, Imelda May, Martha Reeves and the Van-

dellas, Bad Manners, plus numerous appearances on TV and radio.



Ben Cummings

Former Stone Roses guitarist at The Ropemakers

AZIZ IBRAHIM TO PLAY IN BRIDPORT

WHEN Aziz Ibrahim and Dalbir Singh Rattan met in South Africa a few years ago, sparks started flying.

Guitar virtuoso Aziz and classically-trained tabla player Dalbir together have an energy that takes their music through and beyond rock, punk and indie, fusing Western and Asian influences to leave audiences breathless.

Both have impeccable credentials. Mancunian Aziz has performed with The Stone Roses, Asia, Ian Brown and Jah Wobble (with whom he is currently on tour as special featured guest in *Invaders of the Heart*) and has for years written for Brown and Paul Weller.

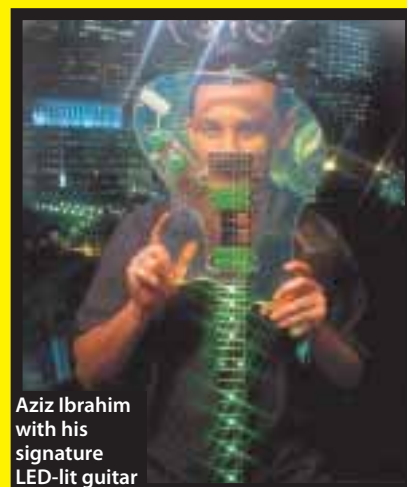
Birmingham-born Dalbir is one of the most respected players in the classical field, having as his mentor Shri Sukhvinder Singh Namdhari; he has also worked with Richard Ashcroft and Ocean Colour Scene. Both have toured with Marillion and worked with Steve Hogarth (Marillion) and Richard Barbieri (Porcupine Tree/Japan), while Dalbir is an integral creative force on both Aziz's albums, Lahore to Longsight and Rusholme Rock.

Aziz calls Dalbir "a full drum kit - the punk rocker of tabla!" while Dalbir says: "When I closed my eyes and heard Aziz play, it sounded as though Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (the internationally acclaimed Indian sarod player)

had taken up the guitar."

Their combined sound is an infectious, entralling riot of melody and percussion that relies on finely-honed skills, electrifying energy and some unique techniques that delights every audience, including their peers.

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The Theory of Everything ^{12A}

Fri, Mon, Thu: 12.00

Paddington ^{PG}

Sat, Sun: 10.00am

Lyme Folk Revisited

THIS year's Lyme Folk Weekend will run from Friday, August 21st to Sunday, August 23rd, but you won't need to wait that long for a folk fix, according to the festival's organisers, as they're holding



PATRON | Jim Causley

Weymouth Antique, Vintage and Collectables Fair

FOLLOWING the success of the previous toy fairs, the Weymouth Antique, Vintage and Collectables Fair on Sunday, March 8th from 10a.m. to 3.30p.m. is a new addition to the circuit.

The Fair is being held in the Wey Valley School on the Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT3 5AN. There will be all kinds of curios there, from antique and vintage jewellery, silverware and collectable toys to tin-plate models, pottery and ceramics, with a selection of vintage clothing as well - in fact, anything interesting to collect.

There are refreshments available and the ample car parking is free. All enquiries to Richard on 01308 488241.



Weymouth

Antique, Vintage & Collectables Fair

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a pre-festival "taster" on Saturday, March 14th at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis.

The March event will be hosted by Devon folk singer and Lyme Folk favourite Jim Causley. In his capacity as host and the Festival's new patron, Jim will be show-casing some hand-picked local talent as well as some of his own material.

The line-up includes some of the acts who thrilled audiences at last summer's festival and now return to the town to take centre stage for an evening of non-stop performances. From up and coming acoustic duo Morgan and Knapp, Lyme-based brother and sister act, Six Days, singer-songwriter Lee Rahn, to the amazing family trio Aimée.

Julie Sheppard, the festival's publicist said: "This promises to be a top-notch evening of music from some of the best local young talent around. What's more, all the proceeds from the evening will go towards helping to fund the many free events on the sea-front during Lyme Folk Weekend later in August. We hope people will come and lend their support to both the performers and the festival".

Lyme Folk Revisited takes place at the Marine Theatre, on Saturday, March 14th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre, Tel: 01297 442138 or www.lymefolk.com



PERFORMING | Lee Rahn

LE VOYAGE À PARIS

French Chansons performed by
Magdalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts

PARISIAN chic comes to the Marine Theatre on Saturday, March 7th as vocalist Magdalena Atkinson sings a varied programme of well-loved songs from French greats including Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet and Charles Aznavour. Most familiar will be the classic music of Piaf, France's most beloved entertainer, national icon and musical legend. Magdalena's singing is not an impersonation but an interpretation, always heartfelt, sometimes humorous, and highlights are plentiful, from Milord to La Vie en Rose, Mon Dieu to the inevitable Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien.

Magdalena's journey with French chansons started in her childhood, when her family spent three years in Algeria. She was immersed in the language and was deeply touched by the French songs she heard on the radio. Combining her rich, smooth vocals with her lifelong study of French language and culture, chansons have become the ideal way for her to communicate her love of both.

Philip Clouts is the perfect accompanist for this project, being a composer and pianist both in his own quartet and also in Zubop "that spirited, hugely enjoyable jazz outfit, which takes the whole world of music as its home territory." (The Observer)

"What an evening! Magdalena's sultry singing transformed us back to the smoky cafes of Paris in the 60's - she has the vocal richness of Piaf, with her own imaginative embellishments, richly supported by Philip." Pat Sale, Dorset Twinning Associations.

Magdalena Atkinson performs with Philip Clouts at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, March 7th. Doors open 7.15pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £10 or £8. To book tickets, contact the TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

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Ellipse provides a refreshingly different option when visiting the Bay. It's probably the only food establishment that doesn't sell chips! They pride themselves on serving authentic Italian food, the way it would be cooked in Italy. Everything is made fresh, in house, from good quality local ingredients. Absolutely nothing is reheated from frozen, not even the sauces. It's all

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The chefs are well known locally with excellent reputations, and can cater for all dietary requirements on request (allergens

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the new season in April.

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Risotto of the Day £10.95
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SIDES

Mixed Salad **£4.00** • Roasted Vegetables **£4.00**
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PIZZAS (Available in two sizes: approx. 8" and 12")

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Tomato, Mozzarella, Ham, Pineapple
Al Vegetali £ Large £10 / Small £7.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Roasted Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Basil
Gorgonzola Large £11 / Small £8.50
Tomato, Mozzarella, Mushroom, Salami, Gorgonzola Cheese
Festino de Carne Large £11 / Small £8.50
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DA Open 2015 - Calling all Wessex artists

DORCHESTER Arts is calling on all Wessex artists to submit 2D work in any media for selection as part of the next Open Exhibition in May 2015.

This is the sixth Open Exhibition and since its beginning has always attracted considerable interest from a range of artists across the region. The last Open Exhibition in 2013 was no exception with 165 artworks entered by 65 artists and the judges narrowed this down to a final selection of 38 works all of exceptionally high standard. Fernando Velazquez won the main prize and showcased a number of his pieces in a solo exhibition as part of the Dorchester Festival in 2014.

Mark Tattersall, Dorchester Arts' Artistic Director who will also be on this years selection panel, expects this years Open to be just as popular, "Open Exhibitions like this offer a wonderful opportunity for the region's artists to show their work and for visitors to appreciate the wealth of artistic talent we have in the area."

Selected works will be exhibited in the studio gallery space at the Arts Centre from Saturday 9 May and runs until Friday 22 May. Visitors are invited to come and enjoy some of the best visual art talent Wessex has to offer in this exhibition that includes paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, 2D and mixed media works.

For the first time this year there is a specific prize for young artists aged 16- 24 of which the winner of this category will receive a feature in the Wessex arts publication Evolver. Prizes for the main category of artists include free entry for a solo exhibition in Dorset Art Weeks 2015, and £250 cash.

Some selected works will also be considered for inclusion in the Dorset Visual Arts 'Interrogating...' exhibition this year.

Any artist from the Wessex area who wishes to enter can download a submission form from this Dorchester Arts website link <http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk/open-2015/> or call Box Office for more information 01305 266926

Sound of Silence is a hit for Dorchester

REGARDED as the most authentic sounding tribute to the music of Simon & Garfunkel, Bookends to the music of Simon & Garfunkel, Bookends are back on tour with their moving and powerful live performance and multimedia show that takes a chronological journey through the friendship and career of this famous musical duo.

Bookends sold out the Dorchester Arts Centre last year and the demand for tickets was so great that Dorchester Arts has decided to bring them back for a two-night run on Saturday 14 and Sunday, March 15th.

Opening at the start of their career and ending at the much publicised breakup the show features hits such as *The Sound of Silence*, *Mrs. Robinson*, *The Boxer* and the unforgettable *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, along with other timeless classics from the Simon & Garfunkel repertoire.

Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years comes to Dorchester Arts Centre on Saturday 14th and Sunday, March 15th at 8pm each night. Tickets are £12 or £10 members & concessions. To book call Box Of-

fice 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

The show will also be at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, March 27th.



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"Closing your eyes, that could really be Simon and Garfunkel" BBC Radio Nottingham

Led, Love and Ladies of the Lake

ROYAL Shakespeare Company's 'Love's Labour's Won' (Much ado about nothing) will be screened live at The Gateway this Wednesday.

Autumn 1918. A group of soldiers return from the trenches. The world-weary Benedick and his friend Claudio find themselves reacquainted with Beatrice and Hero.

Claudio and Hero fall deeply in love, while Benedick and Beatrice reignite a more combative courtship.

Christopher Luscombe directs the second part of Shakespeare's comedy.

The screening of *Love's Labour's Won* takes place on Wednesday, March 4th. Doors open 6.30pm Performance 7.00pm. Approx running time 3hrs.

Tickets £12.50 in advance from the Box Office 01297 625699 and from the website ticket shop, or £15.00 on the door. Licensed Bar & Refreshments.

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WHOLE Lotta Led are the longest running, full-time professional tribute to Led Zeppelin.

Now in their nineteenth year they are undeniably the UK's leading tribute to Led Zeppelin with their customary two and half hour shows receiving acclaim from Zeppelin lovers the length and breadth of the UK.

2015 will see the band celebrating the 40th anniversary of the release of Led Zeppelins critically acclaimed double album Physical Graffiti, with



Lady of The Lake

many of the classic tracks (as well as a few of the lesser known ones) being featured in their set, and of course all the usual classics will be included.

Whole Lotta Led have always avoided using wigs and costumes, instead they focus on the music and the new five-piece line-up recreates the sounds of Led Zeppelins original studio albums to an astonishing level of accuracy.

All five members of Whole Lotta Led lived through the euphoric times of Led Zeppelins 1970s heyday and all witnessed Led Zeppelin live, some more than once.

Since their formation in 1996 the band have continually led the field of Zep tributes and with over 1,300 shows to their name they have performed Stairway To Heaven more than any other band in the world - INCLUDING Led Zeppelin.

Whole Lotta Led play live at The Gateway on Saturday, March 7th. Doors open 7.30pm, with performance from 8pm. Tickets are £13 in advance or £16 on the door.

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JOYCE DiDonato and Juan Diego Flórez join forces for 'Lady of the Lake' - a Rossini showcase of bel canto virtuosity, set in the medieval Scottish highlands.

DiDonato is the 'lady of the lake' of the title, and Flórez is the king who relentlessly pursues her, with their vocal fireworks embellishing the tragic plot.

This Met Opera premiere production is directed by Paul Curran and conducted by Michele Mariotti.

The performance will be screened at The Gateway on Saturday, March 14th. Doors open 4.30pm Performance 4.55pm. Approx running time 3hrs 5mins.

Tickets £15 in advance from the Box Office 01297 625699 and from the website ticket shop, or £17.50 on the door.

A licensed bar and refreshments are available at all three shows.



Whole Lotta Led

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THIS March Bridport Arts Centre has a lively range of events and activities to take you into spring. You can expect everything from spell-binding children's theatre and award winning folk music to a hilarious evening with the Observers food critic Jay Rayner.

Theatre takes centre stage this month with four very different plays. First up will be the Arts Centre's youth group BACStage. They will perform new play a play set in the near future where the birth of a baby boy is a cause for celebration and the birth of a girl is ignored. The Boy Preference (Wednesday, March 4th, 7pm) is part of the National Theatre's Connections, a prestigious national programme that teams up and coming writers with young performers.

Andrew Rutherford will be staging Counting The Birches on Sunday,

March 8th, 7.30pm. The political drama takes place over a single day in November 1885 and is set within the Kara prison complex in eastern Siberia. Based on actual events the drama focusses on three remarkable women: two revolutionary prisoners and a mother who has voluntarily joined her daughter.

Fans of hard-hitting theatre will also enjoy The Elephant Man, Saturday, March 28th, 7.30pm. Based on the real life of Joseph Merrick, it tells the story of the 19th-century British man who became a star of the travelling freak show circuit. This performance has received rave reviews and numerous award nominations, including the Amnesty International Freedom of Expression award.

Families and children aged 3+ can look forward to The Feather Catcher (Monday, March 30th, 11am). The non-verbal show playfully uses live music and beautiful projection to tell the delightful tale of Freda who loves feathers.

The month of music starts with the Jazz Café on Friday, March 13th, 8pm. Charlie Hearnshaw will play alto sax and clarinet, accompanied by pianist Philip Clouts. Hearnshaw has played, recorded and broadcast with many top jazz musicians from the UK and abroad including Don Weller, Andy Sheppard, Alan Barnes and the late great Slim Gaillard.

Fans of classical music can enjoy a relaxing mid morning performance when Concerts in the West bring The Skazki Trio to the Arts Centre on Friday, March 20th, 11am. The Trio was set up at the Royal

College of Music in 2011 and quickly became noted for its mesmerising performances.

This will be followed by contemporary folk from Joisenne Clarke and Ben Walker (Friday, March 20th, 8pm). The double BBC Radio 2 Folk Award nominees infuse ageless stories of love and loss with an exquisite command of many instruments. They have received rave reviews for their latest album.

Other highlights include the broadcaster and Observer newspaper's restaurant critic Jay Rayner's show My Dining Hell (Friday, March 27th, 7.30pm). Jay will examine our love affair with lousy reviews and read ac-

counts from the most excruciating nights out he's ever had. He's hugely entertaining and has recently been named the best food and drink journalist in Britain.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said "We have a fantastic range of shows and we're committed to making the arts affordable. We have £3 tickets for people in receipt of benefits for The Elephant Man and Joisenne Clarke & Ben Walker. Tickets must be booked two weeks in advance"

Tickets are available from www.bridport-arts.com or from the Arts Centre box office 01308 424204.



Charlie Hearnshaw



Jay Rayner



Josienne Clarke and Ben Walker

MARCH at Bridport Arts Centre

STORY CAFE
Julian J. Jones
Fri 20 Mar. 7.30pm

THE BOY PREFERENCE
by Matt Green
Tue 3 & Wed 4 Mar. 7pm

COUNTING THE BIRCHES
by Andrew Rutherford
Sun 8 Mar. 7.30pm
Part of the National Theatre Connections

THE ELEPHANT MAN
Sat 28 Mar. 7.30pm

THE FEATHER CATCHER
Mon 30 Mar. 11am

JAZZ CAFÉ
CHARLIE HEARNSHAW AND PHILIP CLOUTS
Fri 13 Mar. 8pm

THE SKAZKI TRIO
Fri 20 Mar. 11am

JOSIENNE CLARKE AND BEN WALKER
Fri 20 Mar. 8pm

MY DINING HELL
Fri 27 Mar. 7.30pm

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

For full details of all our events and activities visit www.bridport-arts.com or call 01308 424204

View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

LYME REGIS: Parents Together group, with crèche provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'Bullying & Cliques - kids and adults'.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH

BRIDPORT: Electronic Organ Concert by Paul Roberts at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.

WEYMOUTH: Broadway, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. "Trees" a talk by Martin Young. St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadway, Weymouth starting at 7.30pm. For more details call 01305 814887.

THURS MARCH 5TH - WEDS MARCH 18TH

LYME REGIS: Exhibition: 'Lyme in Focus' in Malthouse Gallery, Town Mill, 10.30am-4.30pm. Free entry. For more details call 01297 444042.

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Smith Family Charity Ball. 24th Anniversary of Henry's heart & kidney transplant. 8pm-2am at Freshwater Holiday Centre. Non-stop dancing to The Gen Gap & Second Thoughts. Two course supper. Tickets £25 from Henry (01308 868313). Supporting Harefield Transplant Club, Dorset Air Ambulance, Dorset Renal Unit and others

UPLYME: Curry Night and Ferret Racing, at Uplyme Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets are £8.50 including food, from 01297 444034 or 34733 or from Uplyme Post Office. For more information see our website, ulhrs@wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Women's World Day of Prayer at Lyme Regis Baptist Church, 2.30pm. All ladies welcome

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence dancing at Uplyme Village Hall. Entry £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. 8-10.30pm. For more details call 01297 442439

BRIDPORT: Coffee Morning in aid of West Dorset Mencap. At United Church Hall, 10am-12.30pm. Crafts, cakes, books and more. Huge raffle.

MONDAY MARCH 9TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. £7 each (concs available - just ask). 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Othona Community, Coast Road, DT6 4RN. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am - 1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Terry Whitworth's demonstration on Florals with Flair, you may use any medium. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'The Hundred Foot Journey' (cert 12A). In Beaminster Public Hall, 7.30pm. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door. Available from Yarn Barton 01308 862715, weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm and Saturday 9am-1pm, or call 01308 861378.

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet for their AGM at 2.30pm in the Education Centre, Dorset County Hospital. The AGM will be followed by a talk by Ian Brooke on Shelter Boxes. New members welcome.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society host Adam Wallis from The Gardens Group, who will present a talk entitled 'From Grower to Garden Centre' - an insight into how plants are grown and propagated commercially and what happens to them before they are delivered to the garden centres. All welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, for 7.30pm start. Further details from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

TUESDAY MARCH 10TH

Revell in Comedy Café's March headliner Nick

FANS of political satire should not miss next week's Comedy Café show headlined by the critically acclaimed Nick Revell.

The monthly Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Café will be held next Friday with former Perrier Award nominee Nick Revell closing the show. Nick will be a recognisable voice to any BBC Radio 4 listeners as he's a regular guest on shows such as Just a Minute and The News Quiz, as well as the star of his own radio sitcom, The Nick Revell Show.

In a long and illustrious career Nick has received rave reviews from just about every credible source and is consistently praised as a "scalpel-sharp satirist" who can deliver clever and incisive jokes whose impact lasts way beyond the punchline.

He has also written for and appeared on numerous TV shows since the 80s, rubbing shoulders



SCALPEL SHARP SATIRIST | Headliner Nick Revell

with the biggest names in comedy. Nick's credits include Not the Nine o'Clock news, Drop the Dead Donkey and The Jasper Carrot show.

Joining Nick will be Australian comic, Matt Dwyer, a straight talking stand up who covers everything from life as a foreigner in modern Britain to his failings with the fairer sex.

Matt is a former winner of the prestigious You Must be Joking competition and was a finalist in the Bath Comedy Festival New Act of the Year competition, alongside the club's resident compe Tom Glover, in 2010.

Tom will be back to host the show and will also be introducing to newer acts to the Bridport crowd, to complete another packed night of live stand up comedy.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Friday, March 6th. Tickets are £7 adults/£5 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.

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View 2 Diary Dates

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society meet at 2.30pm in Bridport United Church Main Hall to hear from Rob Curtis about The Tolpuddle Martyrs and Dorset Life in the 1830s. All welcome, visitors entry £2.50.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

LYME REGIS: Parents Together group, with crèche provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'Things to do with kids, locally'.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' (1953, Marilyn Monroe) at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester. Lights dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits served during the showing for £1.50. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group meeting in St George's Church Hall, Fordington (DT1 1LB). Illustrated talk by Rosemary Gameson on "Seven Wonders of a World Cruise". Start at 2.15pm and the charge of £1 covers tea/coffee. 01305 269834

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The Garden House'. An illustrated talk on one of the finest gardens in Britain by Nick Haworth, Head Gardener of the Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, Devon. 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). More details call 01929 481535.

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Mike Birbeck, The Tyred Photographer, print presentation. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: University of the Third Age talk about the 7000 year history of silk and silk moths. Speaker is Philip Howse, moth and butterfly expert, formerly of Southampton University. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Coffee and tea at 10 to 10.45am, talk at 11am. Free for members. Visitors £2 donation suggested. Talk postponed from December.

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

CROSSWAYS: 1960s Murder Myster at Crossway Court, Bingham Road, entitled 'Champagne Murder'. 7pm. Limited tickets £8 at Premier Stores, Crossways Court, and Sunday Services at Crossways. Three course meal and coffee provided. Dress to reflect the era if you wish.. BYO drinks, tea and coffee available.

BRIDPORT: Cantamus Concert at United Church, East Street. 'From Tallis to Taverner' - inspirational music for the season over 500 years. Tickets £7 on the door or from Bridport Music (South Street).

BRIDPORT: Free open workshop on the Alexander Technique given by Inge Dyson 10am-1pm at the Unitarian Chapel in the Garden, East Street.

BRIDPORT: The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance will be the beneficiary of a dance to mark 4 years of Bridport Ceilidhs, which started with a 50th birthday party in 2011. This, the 28th dance in the series, which coincidentally celebrates a 70th birthday, features Derby-based band DanceCupola and caller Nick Waldon - both regulars on the folk festival circuit; all tickets are already allocated.

MONDAY MARCH 16TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

TUESDAY MARCH 17TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm - 4pm at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Patrick Jones will show us how he approaches an Abstract with the theme A Colourful Life. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

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National Theatre Live screening Behind The Beautiful Forevers

MEERA Syal (The Kumars, Goodness Gracious Me, Rafta Rafta at the National) returns to the National Theatre, directed by Rufus Norris (Broken, London Road).

Pulitzer Prize-winner Katherine Boo spent three years in Annawadi recording the lives of its residents. From her uncompromising book, winner of the National Book Award for Non-Fiction 2012, David Hare has fashioned a tumultuous play on an epic scale.

India is surging with global ambition. But beyond the luxury hotels surrounding Mumbai airport lies a makeshift slum, full of people with plans of their own. Zehrunisa and her son Abdul aim to recycle enough rubbish to fund a proper house. Sunil, twelve and stunted, wants to eat until he's as tall as Kalu the thief. Asha seeks to steal government anti-poverty

funds to turn herself into a 'first-class person', while her daughter Manju intends to become the slum's first female graduate.

But their schemes are fragile; global recession threatens the garbage trade, and another slum-dweller is about to make an accusation that will destroy herself and shatter the neighbourhood.

The National Theatre's live performance of 'Behind the Beautiful Forevers' will be screened at The Electric Palace, Bridport on Thursday, March 12th. Doors open 6pm for 7pm start. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance, or £12 on the door. Advance tickets can be purchased through the Electric Palace box office (Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm) 01308 428354, Bridport TIC (Mon-Sat 10am-3pm) 01308 424901 or online at seetickets.com



Meera Syal in *Behind The Beautiful Forevers*

William Barnes celebrated at Museum's Victorian Fayre

THE Dorset County Museum's Victorian Hall was transformed into a traditional Victorian Fayre to celebrate the birthday of Dorset dialect poet William Barnes on Sunday, February 22nd. The atmosphere was full of hustle and bustle with numerous stalls from traditional crafts to popular parlour games; Victorian paperboy selling his broadsheets and a demonstration of net making and other rural skills. The museum's Tea Room worked flat out to provide Victorian afternoon tea for 350 visitors.

The Language of Flowers proved to be really popular with people queueing to create their own style Nosegays and Tussie Mussies with fresh flowers. Likewise the demonstration on creating Dorset Buttons saw very enthusiastic folk fashion their own design.

Musician and Storyteller Tim Laycock captivated the audience of his portrayal of a teacher in a Victorian classroom. Whilst fellow members of the William Barnes Society and Hardy Players entertained all with music, song, poetry and country dancing which was enjoyed by people of all ages. Alastair Simpson conducted the Cantate Rustique choir to perform four pieces.

William Barnes Collection Curator, Marion Tait said 'This was a hugely successful and amazing event where all had a great time at the Victorian Fayre raising over £600 towards the redevelopment of the museum's William Barnes' Gallery. Special thanks to Battens Solicitors for sponsoring the event, Alistair Chisholm for opening the Fayre and hosting the event, County Town Butchers - Stuart Jury, for donating so generously, Dorchester's Café 35, William Barnes Society and all volunteers for supporting the event.'

Theory of Everything actress to join From Page to Screen festival

ACTRESS Emily Watson will be coming to Bridport and joining the Page to Screen Festival next month.

The Theory of Everything star will join the UK's only film festival dedicated to the adaptation of books into films on Saturday April 11th.

Emily will give a talk before a screening of the Oscar-winning film, which tells the story of Stephen Hawking's relationship with his wife, Jane Wilde, and his battle with motor neurone disease.

In the film - based on the memoir 'Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen' by Jane Wilde Hawking - Emily plays Beryl Wilde, Jane's mother, alongside Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Hawking and Felicity Jones as Jane.

Emily Watson got her big break in 1996 with her role in 'Breaking the Waves' in which she was nominated for an Academy Award.

She has continued her success with leading roles in 'Metroland' and 'The Mill on the Floss'.

She will join Dame Harriet Walter, award-winning actress known for

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her work in theatre, and Deborah Moggach, the best-selling author of 'These Foolish Things' which was made into the successful film, 'The Best Marigold Hotel'.

The Bridport Page to Screen Festival takes place from April 8th to April 12th and for the full programme of events and more information, visit www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk

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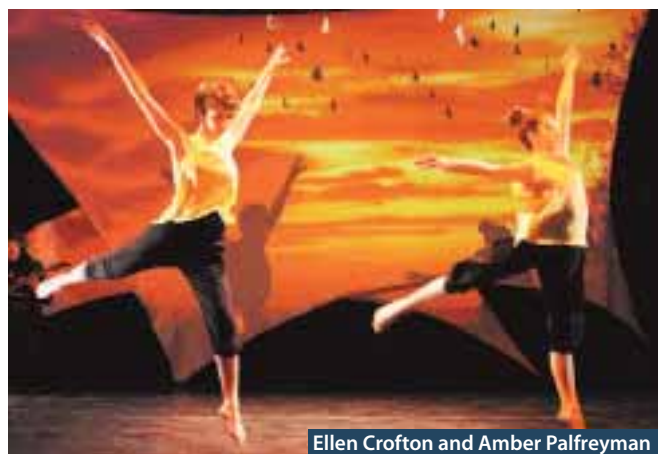
Emily Watson will be at the From Page to Screen festival

A STAGE Full of Stars

ReView: Bridport Youth Dance
'A Sky Full of Stars'
at Bridport Arts Centre



The 'Andromeda' routine



Ellen Crofton and Amber Palfreyman

GOLD lamé glittering, pony tails flying, silky skirts twirling, bow ties, the stomp of mass tap steps in perfect timing.... It was Bridport Youth Dance's annual show at Bridport Arts Centre. Year on year Nikki Northover's dancers display their skill and panache; we see young performers develop and shine, and several progress to careers in the arts.

'We become individuals through strong and bold movement', one dancer wrote in the programme of this their 11th show, 'A Sky Full of Stars'. Strong and bold, yes, and how these performances must build the confidence and well-being of those involved. As well as becoming individuals, they also learn to share and work together as they co-ordinate movements, lean, lift and balance, trusting each other's solidity and timing.

The mood varies. This year's show explored the theme of colours. So as well as the stormy and intense 'Out of Sight', the cheeky St. Trinians-style 'Revoltin' Children' and the sharp, edgy 'Do They Really Care About Us?', we also watched a gentle green dance 'Naos'; the lyrical 'Time Lapse'; a punchy red dance 'Aura'; the sunny yellow-themed 'Matar'; and the blue bitter-sweet loneliness of 'Maia'.

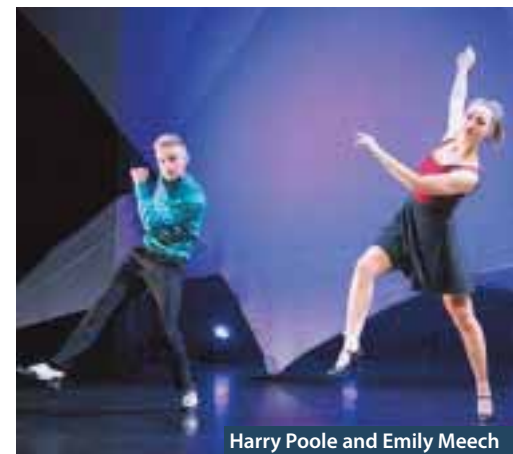
There were also lavish helpings of Nikki's classic tap/jazz razzamataz, with bouncy up-beat 'Y'All', mass tap feasts 'Winging it' and 'Feel the Beat' and the crisp and stylishly-costumed 'Happy' - not to mention the tap and contemporary fusion 'A Sky Full of Stars'.

Two numbers showed the energy and developing promise of the Boys Dance Group, spanning a range of ages and now 17-strong.

Students contribute to the choreography. Where you can get with years of creativity and commitment was shown by senior dancers Emily Meech and Harry Poole, performing with both contemporary and tap - separately in compelling solos and in a series of delightful duets around a park bench.

Nikki Northover as usual brought together both local and nationally-known choreographers; and she drew on the writing and performing skills of musicians Andrew Dickson, Robert Lee, Jack Harrison, Matt Benjamin, Bridget Pearse and Jane Saunders. 'A Sky Full Of Stars'? It was a stage full of stars.

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Harry Poole and Emily Meech



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Weymouth & Portland Borough Council is undertaking public consultation on a draft Weymouth Town Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document and a Plan for Transformation Draft Vision Document.

The council will consider the responses received before adopting the Masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document and the draft Vision Document.

To view and comment on the draft Weymouth Town Centre Masterplan and Vision Document visit www.dorsetforyou.com/brighternewey and download a comments form. Copies of both documents are also available for inspection from the 10th March 2015 at the council offices between 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays and at Weymouth Library.

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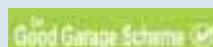


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Motor Industry Sends SOS Over Poor Careers Advice

POOR provision of careers advice is a road block to economic growth, says Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI).

The warning follows IMI sponsored research from the Industry Apprentice Council (IAC), which showed that 45% of current industry apprentices had received

poor or no advice and guidance on their career choice. Meanwhile, less than 10% said a careers advisor or teacher had helped them find out about apprenticeships. There is currently no statutory requirement for young people to have access to face to face careers advice.

The automotive retail sector is responsible for the service and maintenance of the UK's 32 Million cars and employs over 500,000 people. Like other technical industries, it is reliant on the apprenticeship system to attract and train new workers.

The IMI is calling on political parties to back up their pledges to support apprenticeships by addressing the shortfall in careers advice, before it becomes a serious road block to economic growth. In 2015 the school leaving age will be raised from 16 to 18. This will make it harder than ever to pull candidates from the academic system into vocational routes.

IMI CEO Steve Nash explained: "All the major political parties have been keen to include apprenticeships as integral parts of

their economic plans. However, the IAC survey shows that the provision of careers advice in the UK has become so poor that it is increasingly difficult for young people to discover apprenticeships. If parties wish to see their long term economic plans come to fruition they must address this.

In the motor industry we work in a dynamic, high tech, environment which needs bright minds to keep up with rapidly evolving technology. But we are already seeing examples in the sector where top apprenticeship programs are struggling to attract the calibre of student they need. Young people are being directed to academic routes without any reference to alternatives. We desperately need a system in place where young people are consistently presented with all the options.

Poor provision of careers advice, coupled with a rise in the school leaving age, has the potential to create a perfect storm for the apprenticeship system and the industries which rely on it." Nash concluded

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Local football round-up

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Lyme hit the heights with free flowing win

Legg up as Hounds track down semi-final place - Bantams and Pymore knocked out

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

Division Three

CHERITON FITZPAINE 0

LYME REGIS 5

ONE of the goals of the season was the highlight of Lyme Regis' 5-0 foray into deepest Devon on Saturday.

In the 23rd minute Julien Simier jinked his way to the corner of the hosts box before rolling a short pass to Mark Bailey whose instant back heel set up centre-back Dom Rowe to crack a shot that flashed into the top corner and brought a round of applause from both sets of supporters.

Cheriton had had the first chance of the match but Lyme keeper Chris Higgs parried bravely in the second minute.

Play switched to the other end and Bailey's shot was blocked with the Seasiders claiming by a hand.

But they took the lead a minute later when Joel Gosting linked well with Bailey whose cross was nodded home by Joe Bond.

The Rowe superstrike put Lyme 2-0 up and they went close soon after when Gary Knight, up for a corner, had an effort hacked off the line. Then the Cherries keeper Steve Powlesland went down to block a Bond shot and then did well to keep out Bailey's follow-up.

The second half began with Simier having a one-on-one chance well saved but the hosts came back into the game and seemed to be mounting a challenge.

But these hopes were ended in the 56th minute when Powlesland was deceived by a curling Bailey free-kick and got in a right mess palming the ball into the net.

The lead was extended to 4-0 midway through the half when Gosting's clever chip came back off the crossbar and Lee Cleal was on hand to slam the ball home.

The scoring was completed in the 84th minute when Simier had a shot blocked and the ball fell to Bond who bagged his 20th goal of the campaign.

There was still time for Matt Laing to glance a header narrowly wide from a corner and for Cheriton to smash a late shot against the post.

Top performers for Lyme were defenders Callum Larcombe and Kieron White while Jake Bearpark had a good 20 minutes coming off the bench on debut after transferring from Uplyme.

Lyme Regis; C.Higgs, C.Larcombe, K.White, G.Knight, D.Rowe (A.Bell-worthly 63), M.Laing (Capt), M.Bailey, J.Simier, L.Cleal (J.Bearpark 71), J.Gosting (D.Ellis 73), J.Bond.



◆ **DEBUT:** Jake Bearpark came off the bench in Lyme Regis win.

ARTHUR GAGE QF

LYME BANTAMS 0 MILLWEY RISE 2

TWO goals in four minutes in the lead up to half-time ended Lyme Regis Bantams hopes of an extended run in the Arthur Gage Cup.

The Seasiders enjoyed the greater possession and territorial advantage in the opening 40 minutes but failed to create any clear-cut chances.

Rise took the lead when Lyme keeper Mark Tozer came well off his line for a corner kick but was beaten to the ball by Shane Featherstone whose header found the net.

The lead was doubled just before the oranges when Danny Larcombe went unchallenged as he carried the ball from his centre-back berth and proceeded to clip a fine ball through to Terry Emmett who found the corner with a classy finish.

The closest the Seasiders came to getting back into the game was a chance that fell to Sam Bevis at the far post, but the stretching midfielder just failed to get the correct contact.

NETHERBURY P BARRINGTON P

A WATERLOGGED pitch saw Netherbury's scheduled visit by the powerful Barrington side postponed.

Winsham Utd 4 Pymore 1

PYMORE warmed up for next weekend's big County Cup semi-final with a disappointing quarter-final defeat at Bakers Field.

Winsham took the lead when player-manager Tom Stead nipped in front of his marker and found the corner of the net with sharp finish.

Stead scored his and the hosts second in the 20th minute and they could have had more before the break.

But Adam Cody-Boutcher pulled one back for Pymore just before the hour mark only for Tony Harwood to score restore the two-goal deficit in the 80th minute with a spectacular diving header that Stead described as one of the best goals he'd seen in the PSDL.

With the entire Pymore team pushed up for a corner kick Winsham broke away and Sam Symes made it 4-1 in the last minute.

Semi-final draw; Chard Utd v Netherbury or Barrington Millwey Rise v Winsham Utd

JACK VENN CUP - R1

ILMINSTER A 2 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 6 THE cup-tie at the Rec went with form as Waytown Hounds breezed past an Ilminster Town A side that is now without a win in 11 months.

James Loveridge gave The Hounds a great start when he cleverly flicked the ball over his head and outpaced the home back four before slotting home.

Player-Manager Mark Hughes then put the ball through to Jon Legg who made no mistake.

Legg then surged down the wing and crossed for Leigh Hansford who steered the ball into the roof of the net to make it 3-0.

Ilminster then got their first real chance of the game and some very tidy footwork Darren Paul ended with the ball in the net.

But Garry Goodall hit a long diagonal ball up the Ilminster slope and Legg was onto it in a flash, rounding

the keeper and picking out the bottom corner.

After the interval top-scorer Legg was bundled over in the area and secured his hat-trick from the resulting



◆ **RETURN:** Matt Read was on target for Waytown Hounds after a four-month lay-off with injury.

penalty.

Ilminster pulled another one back through Andy Crouch to make it 5-2.

The Hounds were pleased the see Club Chairman Matt Read take the field for his first appearance since breaking his jaw back in October, and it was Read that completed the scoring after calmly weaving his way through the area and passing the ball into the net.

Hughes was impressed by Legg and Loveridge, he said: "They have great engines and cover a lot of ground."

Quarter-final draw;

Waytown Hounds v Crewkerne Res Beaminster Res v Thorncombe Chard Utd v Drimpton Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme

BILL BAILEY Semi-final draw;

Shepton Beau Res v Merriott Rovers South Petherton Res v Hawkchurch Utd

KEN HODGES Semi-final draw;

Combe St Nicholas B v Merriott Rovers Hinton v Crewk Rangers Reserves

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BEAMINSTER P CREWKERNE TOWN P BEAMINSTER'S scheduled visit by title favourites Crewkerne Town was postponed with the Memorial Ground waterlogged.

MISTERTON 1 W & M CHINNOCK 1

THE Chinnocks' hopes of a top three finish were dented as they were held by doomed Misterton at Unity lane.

Damian Hart volleyed the visitors ahead in the midway through the first-half but they were made to pay for missing some good chances when Harvey Saunders fired home from all of 25 yards.

Missy had chances of their own to have won the game; Chaz Warren was denied by Chinnocks' keeper-manager Matt Alford and teenager Lewis England struck the post in the last minute.

PERRY STREET 6 COMBE RES 0

PERRY Street moved back up to second spot after goals from Brad Cleal (2), Darren Contreras, Dan Collins, Dan O'Connor and Jake Board clinched their first win of the 2015.

DIVISION FOUR

DRIMPTON RES 5 UPLYME RES 0 UPLYME Reserves' wait for a win was extended to four months when they were well beaten on the Drimpton Slope on Saturday.

Despite the loss Swallows' manager Stuart Wooster was upbeat: "They (Drimpton) had some first teamers in. We were struggling for numbers, but our spirit was good - it was also great to have Joe Cleere back between the sticks."

George Tuck was the star of the show for the hosts with a fine hat-trick to move into double figures for the season.

Ben Dickinson and Josh Betts had the other goals.

RESULTS - February 28th

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

Division Three

Axminster Town Reserves 2 Woodbury 2

Cheriton Fitzpaine 0 Lyme Regis 5

Clyst Valley Reserves 0 Chagford 1

Exmouth Amateurs Res 1 Thorverton Res 1

Exmouth Town Res 3 Axmouth Utd 1

Henry's Cronies 4 Exeter University 5ths 0

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

ARTHUR GAGE CUP QF

Chard Utd 5 Forton Rangers 2

Netherbury p Barrington p

Lyme Regis Bantams 0 Millwey Rise 2

Winsham Utd 4 Pymore 1

JACK VENN CUP R1

Ilminster Town A 2 Waytown Hounds 6

Thorncombe 6 Combe A 3

BILL BAILEY CUP - QF

Chard Rangers 0 Hawkchurch United 2

(at Hawkchurch)

Merriott Dynamos 7 Millwey Rise Reserves 0

Shepton Beauchamp Res 2 Barrington Res 1

South Petherton Res 1 Thorncombe Reserves 0

KEN HODGES CUP - QF

Chard Utd AllStars a-w Merriott Rovers

Combe B 6 Chard Rangers Reserves 1

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PREMIER

Beaminster p Crewkerne Town p

Misterton 1 West & Middle Chinnock 1

Perry Street 6 Combe Reserves 0

DIVISION ONE

Farway Utd p Luso-Chard p

DIVISION TWO

Uplyme p Crewkerne Town Reserves p

DIVISION THREE

Kingsbury Episcopi p Chard Utd Reserves p

DIVISION FOUR

Drimpton Reserves 5 Uplyme Reserves 0

FIXTURES - Saturday, March 7th

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

Division Three

Chagford v Axminster Town Reserves

Clyst Valley Reserves v Axmouth Utd

Pinhoe v Exeter University 5ths

Tedburn St Mary v Cheriton Fitzpaine

Thorverton Res v Exmouth Town Reserves

Woodbury v Lyme Regis

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

(Cup games 2pm, league 2.30 unless stated)

DORSET JUNIOR CUPS SF (2.30)

Netherbury v Drimpton

Pymore v Wool & Winfrith

CHALLENGE CUPS SF

Crewkerne Town v Combe Reserves

South Petherton v Shepton Beauchamp

REG EGLON CUPS SF

Chard Utd Allstars v Drimpton Res

Merriott Rovers v Winsham Utd Res

PREMIER

West & Middle Chinnock v Perry Street

DIVISION ONE

Barrington v Lyme Regis Bantams

As they stand

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Odd Down	28	25	51
Bristol Manor Fm	25	26	47
Buckland Athletic	23	28	45
Bitton	28	8	44
Slimbridge	25	8	43
Shepton Mallet	27	0	43
Bradford Town	24	15	41
Brislington	27	14	41
Street	29	7	41
Willand Rovers	21	12	38
Sherborne Town	27	8	35
BRIDPORT	28	-16	35
Cadbury Heath	26	-10	33
Longwell Green	29	-23	31
Hallen	30	-23	27
Gillingham Town	23	-3	26
Winterbourne Utd	26	-30	21
Bishops Sutton	29	-78	14

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham	24	41	59
Hamworthy Res	22	51	56
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Parley Sports	26	34	54
WEYMOUTH RES	25	31	51
Mere Town	26	23	44
Westland Sports	26	11	41
Wareham Rangers	24	6	41
Shaftesbury Town	22	8	40
Sherborne Res	25	0	35
BRIDPORT RES	22	-10	29
Blandford Utd	28	-30	28
Cranborne	28	-44	23
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Swanage & Herst	21	-5	19*
Hamworthy Utd Res	24	-26	16*
Poole Borough	27	-40	16*
Sturm Marshall	27	-60	13

D & E Div Three	Pld	+/	Pts
Exmouth Tn Res	20	42	44
Henry's Cronies	17	52	42
LYME REGIS	18	58	39
Chagford	21	24	38
Woodbury	19	17	36
Exeter Univ 5ths	17	11	34
Clyst Valley Res	22	-20	25
Cheriton Fitzp	18	1	24
Tedburn St Mary	14	-15	17
Thorverton Res	18	-28	16
Axminster Res	21	-42	16*
Exmouth Amt Res	20	-35	15
Axmouth Utd	17	-16	13
Pinhoe	22	-49	12

Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Crewkerne Town	12	54	36
Perry Street	16	27	32
South Petherton	14	32	31
Shepton Beach	14	37	29
W & M Chinnocks	15	19	27
Combe Res	15	20	19
BEAMINSTER	14	26	18
LYME REGIS RES	15	-16	15
Misterton	15	-110	7
Ilminster Colts (R)	16	-98	0

Division One	Pld	+/	Pts
Barrington	13	62	39
Millwey Rise	14	19	29
NETHERBURY	13	14	26
Winsham Utd	15	11	26
LYME BANTAMS	14	-8	20
Chard Utd	15	3	19
Forton Rangers	14	-3	18
Luso-Chard	14	-31	9
PYMORE	13	-16	8
Farway Utd	11	-51	3

Division Two	Pld	+/	Pts
DRIMPTON	15	61	41
Thorncombe	15	34	34
WAYTOWN HND	16	18	28
Crewkerne Res	12	8	25
Crewk Rangers	15	-14	20
Combe A	16	-10	17
UPLYME	13	8	16
BEAMINSTER RES	15	-12	14
CHARMOUTH	15	-21	13
Ilminster A (R)	14	-72	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/	Pts
Chard Utd Res	16	22	35
Kingsbury Episc	16	27	31
Barrington Res	14	17	30
Hawkchurch Utd	13	22	25
Thorncombe Res	17	-13	20
Chard Rangers	13	-7	18
S.Petherton Res	16	-10	18
Dowlis & Donyatt	14	-3	15*
Shepton Beau Res	15	-14	14
Merriott Dynamos	13	-10	11
Millwey Rise Res	15	-31	10*

Division Four	Pld	+/	Pts
Merriott Rovers	13	81	39
Combe B	13	23	29
Winsham Utd Res	14	7	24
Crewk Rangers Res	15	6	21
Hinton St George	11	10	20
UPLYME RES	13	-17	15
Chard Rangers Res	14	-30	15
DRIMPTON RES	14	-16	13
Farway Utd Res	11	-11	12
Chard Utd AllStars	14	-63	4

*= Pts deducted



◆ **PREMIER TOP SCORER:** Crewkerne Town's Jamie Spurdle

Rugby World Cup ticket scam alert

RUGBY fans are being warned to watch out for bogus tickets providers as we move nearer the World Cup which starts in September.

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Lyme Golf Jurassic Challenge a triumph

IN the monthly stableford 15-hole format Richard Jackman made best use of the reduced field, scoring 33 points, while George Yorke took 2nd place on 32 from George Seed 31.

Lyme Regis seniors' section held their inaugural Jurassic Challenge 4 ball better ball competition.

Twelve teams of eight competed, arriving early for a shotgun start.

Overnight rain meant the course was only open on the 15 hole layout, so with some last minute changes 96 players adapted to the conditions well.

Honiton's 127 points was enough to win the special Jurassic Challenge Trophy. Came Down finished second two points behind, with Long Sutton B finishing 3rd on 120. Lyme Regis B finished 4th and the A side 7th.

The winning pair of John Moore & John O'Hara (Came Down) beat Mick Capps & Malcolm Denness (Long Sutton) on a nail biting countback, both scoring 35 points.

Brian Carnell & Paul Millard were the best of the Lyme Players finishing 6th with 33 points.

Congratulations go to the band of Lyme seniors and ladies who also braved the weather to help make this new event a huge success.

Lyme ladies fell foul of the conditions on Thursday for their competition but are gearing up for the traditional opening match against the seniors on Tuesday.

Hockey

Beaminster squeeze out hard earned win

Salisbury 4th 1 Beaminster 2 DESPITE missing several regulars, and some of those playing under the weather, Beaminster Ladies maintained their good form to record their ninth win in ten games.

The narrow victory over Salisbury 4ths sees them consolidate their second place in Channel Division One with four matches remaining.

They took the lead inside the first five minutes when Andrea Thomas scored from a short corner, but with players struggling to operate at full capacity because of illness, Beaminster's play became disjointed.

However, they still created three or four good chances but failed to add to their tally due to poor finishing and good goalkeeping.

Salisbury equalised early in the second half, also from a corner; Beaminster worked hard to clear their lines but although keeper Freya Cleary-Long saved the initial shot a forward was on hand to pop home the rebound.

This signalled a period of pressure from the hosts, but Beaminster defended well and once again went on the attack.

With Phoebe Stewart hustling the Salisbury defence, closing them down and Bella Foot and Megan Tuck also looking dangerous, Beaminster found the winner they deserved when Thomas' shot from a short corner was saved, but Foot was on hand to score off the rebound.

Beaminster travel to Salisbury again this weekend to take on Salisbury 3rd's who are six points behind Beaminster in

third place with a game in hand.

Beaminster: Freya Cleary-Long, Georgie Simmonds, Jenny Clarke, Carol Pearson, Izzy Mullins, Megan Tuck, Andrea Thomas, Julia May, Bella Foot, Phoebe Stewart, Lydia Brooking.

Hawks frustrated

EAST DEVON A 3 WEST DORSET HAWKS 2

WEST Dorset Hawks chances of promotion disappeared with this third loss in a row at Exeter on Saturday.

The Hawks beat their hosts 6-0 in the reverse fixture, but they were possibly buoyed by some first team players, and as a result, were a different proposition this time.

West Dorset struggled in the early exchanges, and went ahead in dubious circumstances when both sides hesitated when a dangerous ball flew close to captain Rick Dormor's head into the D.

Whilst the Hawks waited expecting the umpire to stop the game, the East Devon forward slotted the ball into the net and the goal awarded.

On top of this early setback West Dorset struggled to live with the home team's energy and organisation, particularly in midfield.

The Hawks repelled their attack with the defence of Julian May, Gavin Brooking, Charlie Davis and Lee Connolly keeping the home team at bay, but eventually they conceded a second.

Despite East Devon's dominance, West Dorset did put together some attacks of their

own and won a couple of short corners, and although they also constructed some good moves they came to nothing.

Dormor substituted himself for Andrew Frampton, who returned to first team action after a five-year break due to injury and bringing up a young family, and he still showed some of his old magic and looked like he had never stopped playing. Shortly after his arrival West Dorset won a penalty that Alex Davis converted to cut the deficit by half.

After the half time break, Hawks moved Mike Thompson and Alex Davis into the middle, and pushed Frampton up front with Dormor to the right wing, and during the first 10 minutes of the second half they started to dominate the home team, and had East Devon on the back foot.

Steve Mearing and Thompson both looked threatening, with Robin Goodfellow on the left flank getting the better of his opposite number.

Unfortunately, as the game wore on frustration at a couple of decisions going against them, saw two Hawks sent off to the sin bin.

Despite being down to nine men West Dorset kept the opposition out, and constructed a chance which Man-of-the-Match Alex Davis converted to equalise.

Although this gave them a lift, East Devon scored a third shortly afterwards, to which the Hawks could not respond to.

With just three games left West Dorset cannot catch second placed Isca C who are cur-

rently in the second promotion spot, and after such a successful season it is a disappointing way for it to end.

Down to the wire

WEST DORSET A 2 BRIDGWATER B 3

WEST Dorset A's promotion chances hinge on their final two games after they were narrowly beaten by South East 2 champions Bridgwater B on Saturday.

Hoping to maintain their own promotion push, West Dorset had a couple of regular players missing but were still optimistic of taking something from the game.

However, it was Bridgwater who started the better of the two sides, helped by West Dorset continually making life difficult for themselves in the opening stages by giving up possession too easily from their own hits outs of defence.

Bridgwater were squandering the chances that came their way and it was the hosts who took the lead with a superb goal from their first meaningful attack after ten minutes.

Alex Drew won possession in the middle of the pitch and played the ball to Russell Coombes who linked up with Henry Middleton, and the two of them exchanged a series of passes that cut through the centre of the visitors defence for Coombes to score.

Even though West Dorset were slowly finding some form, the away side drew level ten minutes later. Once again poor play at the back led to a short corner from which Bridgwater

scored to make it 1-1 going into half-time.

Bridgwater started the second half strongly, immediately forcing West Dorset onto the back foot and it wasn't long before this pressure told and they took the lead five minutes after the restart.

They continued to be very much in the ascendancy as the half wore on.

But West Dorset were having their moments - Middleton, in an unfamiliar left wing role, Coombes and John Kellas were still causing problems for the Bridgwater defence on the rare occasions the home side were able to get the ball into attacking positions.

Unfortunately Bridgwater continued to close down West Dorset's danger man Dan Wyatt in midfield, thus limiting the supply of ball to the forwards.

Despite this, the hosts kept plugging away and with 15 minutes left they drew level following a short corner. Drew received the ball on the edge of the area before firing a hard shot into the corner of the goal to make it 2-2.

The West Dorset defence was coming under some severe pressure in the closing stages with Bridgwater having most of the possession and creating the better chances.

Giles Maltby was having a great game at centre back breaking up a lot of attacks but it came as no surprise when Bridgwater added their third goal with six minutes left to take the match 3-2.

Skipper Middleton said: "We struggled to keep possession

Channel Division One	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sherborne 2nd	17	44
BEAMINSTER	17	31
Salisbury 3rd	16	25
Bournemouth 3rd	16	25
B & SN 2nd	17	20
Salisbury 4th	17	19
Yeovil & Sherborne 3rd	16	14
Gillingham 2nd	16	9

Davis Wood Division One	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	19	54
Isca C	19	37
Sidmth & Ottery St Mary A	18	31
WEST DORSET	19	27
Bude	19	26
Camborne SoM	19	24
Plymouth University A	18	23
PGSOB A	19	21
USHC Plymouth	18	20
East Devon A	19	19
OPM A	19	17
Truro B	19	12

SE Division Two	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	16	42
W.DORSET A	16	34
North Devon A	16	33
Ashmoor A	15	30
Sidmth & Ottery St Mary C	15	24
Chard A	15	22
Bridgwater C	16	21
Taunton Vale D	15	8
Minchhead B	15	6
Sidmth & Ottery St Mary D	15	4

and made silly mistakes although Bridgwater were that bit more organised and deserved to win.

"We weren't at our strongest today but we had a good go against them".

West Dorset face a crunch match on Saturday when they travel to third placed North Devon A who are just a point behind them.

A draw is not really an option because Ashmoor A are four points behind with a game in hand and even a draw would not be enough should they win all their three games.

Rugby

Blues take revenge on Bournemouth

Bridport 45 Bournemouth 3rd 5

WHEN Bridport travelled to Bournemouth back in November they did so with only 13 men, and suffered a 55-7 defeat as a result.

Bournemouth brought the same number to Bridport and despite competing strongly throughout, went down in similar fashion, 45-5.

Bridport started very confidently; a strong run from Ollie Everitt gaining valuable ground, with Dave Cutting mopping up the loose ball to score.

Rory Greening, back on kicking duty, was unable to add the conversion.

Shortly afterwards another storming move with some sharp handling left Oz Sullivan with a simple touchdown, Green-

ing adding the two points.

Despite the visitors conceding numerous penalties, Bridport failed to capitalise on their positive start however, making unforced errors and allowing Bournemouth back into the game with a try of their own.

The hosts were able to add one more score before half-time. Cutting feeding Daragh McLoughlin to touchdown under the posts. Greening kicked a straightforward conversion.

Bournemouth continued to exert pressure in the second half but Bridport now had a stiff breeze at their backs and enjoyed more success with their kicking game.

Ollie Everitt burrowed over for the first try of the half with the reliable Greening adding the conversion,

A loose defensive kick from a back-peddling Bournemouth landed in Jack Baldwin's hands and he proved far too quick for his marker, scoring out wide, before Ewan Dommett scored a well-earned try from a strong Bridport scrum; both tricky kicks converted by Greening.

Finally a testing up-and-under from Number 10 Will Everitt was very well gathered by Lee Burdett, who off-loaded the ball to Dommett for his second try.

The kick was missed but Bridport ran out comfortable winners.

Bridport u12 7 Dorchester 7

BRIDPORT produced a game of passion with all 13 playing as a tight team.

They smashed the breakdown and set up the quick phase play, with MoM Sam Smith providing quick ball to the backs.

Although pressure didn't result in points the Blues dominated the half, and at the break the most exciting game of the season was scoreless!

Dorchester hit back in the second half, and a strong run down the touch line saw them score five minutes from time.

From the kick-off Weekes' ball landed perfectly within five metres of the try line. From the line out Bridport rallied and won the set piece, trapping the clearing kick behind Dorchester's line to win a five-metre scrum.

However, after an attacking knock-on, the ball was lost to another set piece.

But Bridport won the scrum against the head and Oliver Wills powered over to score, ending an excellent game of rugby.



◆ **FORCE:** It takes three Bournemouth players to stop Bridport's Oz Sullivan making progress.



◆ **WELL EARNED:** Ewan Dommett goes over for a try to Bridport

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Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures fixtures for week beginning Monday March 9th

Knock-Out Cup - R4
Monday, March 9th
Crazy Gang v Aussies Lot.
Thursday March 12th
Rough Eight v Rejects,
Shipfaced v Nelson Nobblers.
Friday, March 13th
Castouts v Broadoak.

Cup Winners Cup - R3
Monday, March 9th
Brandy Snaps (20) v Shipfaced, Alleycats (5) v Unknowns.
Tuesday, March 10th
U Know the Blokes v Castouts (5).
Friday, March 13th
Originals (10) v Wanderers.

Losers Cup A & B - SF
Wednesday, March 11th
LORD NELSON: Dingbats v LHS.
Thursday, March 12th
LODERS ARMS: Slingers v Rockets.

Losers Cup C & D - SF
Wednesday, March 11th
BRIDPORT FC: Brandy Snaps v Pioneers.
Friday, March 13th
BRIDPORT FC: Featherbeds v Countrymen.

Ladies Pairs will take place on Wednesday, March 18th
Men's Individual Final will take place on Friday, March 20th

♦ *Would winners of last season's league trophies please return them as soon as possible to the Lord Nelson.*

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	15	26
Shipfaced	14	22
Masters	15	20
Rejects	14	20
Rockets	15	18
Rough Eight	15	16
Denhay	14	13
Lively Lads	15	12
Outsiders	13	10
Slingers	14	8
Broadoak	15	5
The Dingles	15	4

Division B	Pld	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	13	24
Dingbats	15	22
U Know the Blokes	15	21
Originals	15	20
NBC	15	18
Bangers	14	13
Miss The Ball	15	12
7" Clock	15	10
Crazy Gang	15	10
Gerryatics	14	10
LHS	15	10
Mean Machine	15	6

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	15	24
Castouts	15	22
Pioneers	15	20
Whiskey Chasers	15	19
Bulldogs	15	18
Strawpeedoes	15	15
Aussies Lot	15	14
Unknowns	15	12
Pinseekers	15	11
Alcoholics	15	10
Survivors	15	10
AFAR	15	5

Division D	Pld	Pts
Yo Yo's	15	22
Alleycats	15	20
Groundhogs	13	20
Singer	15	18
Hidden Talent	13	16
Brandy Snaps	14	14
Featherbeds	14	14
Let 'em Roll	13	14
Offcuts	13	13
Bad Girls	15	7
Pinbashers	14	6
Tiger Lilies	14	4

Highest individual League scores:
B. Franklin 93, A. Coombes, F. Parsons, D. Smith & I. Reeve all 92.

Bees

Symes injury scare overshadows defeat

Melksham Town 3 Bridport 0
Toolstation Premier - att; 103

A HEAD injury to Jamie Symes which saw the Bridport midfielder collapse in the dressing room after Saturday's game at Melksham Town overshadowed the Bees defeat at the Toolstation Premier League leaders.

Fortunately, following treatment, Symes was allowed home.

The 21-year-old received a blow to his temple just after the hour, and after treatment on the pitch, was substituted.

In the dressing room after the game he lost consciousness and collapsed onto the floor.

He was attended to by physio Lloyd Green and the home physio, who is also a paramedic, until the ambulance arrived to take him to hospital. Although now home, he has been told not to play football for at least three weeks.

On the pitch, there was further disappointment, when after being slightly the better team in the first half and holding their hosts, the Bees conceded three second half goals.

Bridport created three possible goalscoring opportunities in the first half, which had they been

converted would have been a fair reflection based on possession.

Shane Evans fired over the top having worked an opening just outside the box, whilst Tom Richardson saw his curling shot just clear the left angle of the goalframe.

Richardson was then thwarted by keeper Rob Brown who came out bravely and smothered the ball.

pressure, but no reward

The Bees continued to be the better side for the opening minutes of the second half, forcing corners and goalmouth scrambles but could not score, and against the run of play Melksham went ahead. On 52 minutes

Shaun Benison's corner led to a goalmouth scramble and the ball dropped to Dan Kovacs to convert from close range.

Two minutes later the hosts scored a second when Gary Higdon was given a free header six yards out following a cross from Mike Perrot.

Symes' injury saw manager Trevor Senior make all three substitutions.

On 70 minutes they were unlucky not to pull a goal back when Matt Condliffe's thunderous 20-

yard shot struck the crossbar.

However, five minutes later Melksham wrapped up the points with a third when they were allowed another free header; this time Ryan Bennett heading home another Benison corner.

Of Symes' injury Senior said: "When we took him off he was a little groggy initially but appeared okay and we monitored him all the time, but Lloyd and their physio were great, and we are glad that he is now back home, but clearly needs to rest."

On the field Senior was pleased, particularly with his side's first half performance, and was disappointed that they were perhaps not leading at the break - but he was disappointed with two of the goals.

"We were the better side in the first half but just couldn't convert it into goals, but you can't afford to give people free headers, we need to be better than that."

He added: "It was disappointing to lose 3-0, but it wasn't as bad as it sounds. If Matty's shot had gone in instead of hitting the crossbar we would have been back in it, and then who knows what could have happened?"

Colfox girls win third consecutive volleyball title

VOLLEYBALL at its best was demonstrated by all competitors in the West Dorset Schools' area volleyball tournament held at The Sir John Colfox School.

The Sir John Colfox year 9 Girls' team of Amy Lambert, Rhannon Parker, India Morgan, Masie Kitton and Ella Kershaw; proved too strong for the less experienced IPACA and Wey Valley opposition as they convincingly won the U15 title for the third year running.

Steady defensive play and solid teamwork resulted in a strong victory with no sets lost, whilst serving strengthened as the girls settled into the competition.

They will now go on to represent West Dorset at the Dorset School Games on Monday, March 23rd at the LeAF Academy in Poole, where students from the school will also officiate this county competition.

Meanwhile, the **U15 Boy's** team of George Wyrill,

Sam Huxter, Brian Robershaw and Luke Robertson had to settle for second in their competition.

They began with a close match against Wey Valley, winning the first game before going down narrowly 15-17 in the second. In the final set Huxter and Robertson played some crucial defensive points as they went on to win 15-12.

Their second game was against a very motivated IPACA 2 side who won two very close games and the match.

To their credit, the Colfox team very quickly got over the disappointment of losing and played consistently well in the final match against IPACA 1, the eventual tournament winners.

Having lost the first set they went on to win the next two 15-8 and 15-10 during which Wyrill demonstrated

his ability to effectively spike the ball, and Robertson's determination to chase down and retrieve in defence was inspirational.

With three of the teams having won two games each, the result was decided on points difference with IPACA1 taking the title from Colfox in second place.

The tournament was officiated by the Sir John Colfox Year 9 GCSE PE students and very competently supported by Josh Alner from year 7 who all did an excellent job.

Mo rounds off season a treat

FORTY members of The Sir John Colfox School athletics and cross country teams finished the season off with the annual trip to the Birmingham Indoor Athletics Grand Prix at the newly renovated Barclaycard Arena.

The star attraction was Mo Farah who was aiming to break the two-mile indoor world record which was held by one of the all time greats, Kenenisa Bekele. It was always going to be tough but in front of a packed stadium Farah ran a very fast first mile.

However, he needed to run a sub four minute second mile which he did in style, running the final 400m in 58 seconds to break Bekele's world record by nearly a second; finishing in 8:03.40 to earn his first world record.

The event overall was huge success and there were more British winners this year than any other year in the history of the event. Greg Rutherford set a new PB, Jenny Meadows became the only athlete to run under two minutes for the 800m this year, Seren Bundy-Davies smashed her personal best to win the 400m in 51.72 and Nigel Levine led from the off in winning the men's 400m.



♦ GREAT DAY OUT: Colfox athletes who witnessed Mo Farah's first world record

Bridport & WD Indoor Bowls

Ladies edge past Dorch as good form continues

BRIDPORT Ladies' good form continued in the County League as they took maximum points against Dorchester, although they were made to fight hard though.

Francis Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick and Margaret Clapp needed a late four count to win 23-18, whilst Pamela Daters, Ann Parkins, Ann Turtell and Margaret Pestelle just edged it 18-17.

Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Max Dare and Barbara Jenkins were top rink against Yeovil, a great sight back to 13-13, then saw them storm home 19-14.

Sandra Hargett, Peter Varney, Mel Hargett and Phil Hedges suffered a reverse in fortunes however, from 12-5 up they slumped to a 15-22 defeat.

Lyn Sandall, Erica Sarson, Brian Baker and Roger Cowmeadow took top rink award against Axminster winning 26-12, and Bridport made it a clean sweep as Beryl Stork, Pat Cowmeadow, David Aylott and Max Dare won 25-15, Sandra Hargett, Brian Parker, Gerry Moss and Barbara Jenkins (20-11), and Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Mel Hargett and Peter Sandall (20-19).



♦ IN FINE FORM: The Ladies Indoor Bowls Winter team pictured before their victory over Dorchester. Standing, from left; Ann Turtell, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick, Gill Hunt, Margaret Clapp, Francis Hewett. Front: Lyn Craddock, Margaret Pestelle, Ann Parkins, Pamela Daters, Annie Legg.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	17	30
Knapp Inn	18	22
Nomads	17	21
Robb Robbers	17	20
Outsiders	16	17
Nags Head A	17	16
Hands of Time	17	15
Rubber Johns	16	15
It's in the Middle	16	14
The Hitmen	17	13
One for the Vikings	18	3
180s leaders: Tony Young x8, Sam Legg x6, Terry Prowse & Mark Fisher both x5, six players all x4, six players x3.		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	16	21
Odds or Us	16	22
Dat Team	16	21
Elders	15	19
Les Miserables	15	19
Poachers	15	15
Anchor Vale Viewers	16	11
Royal Hawks	14	10
Flashes Fives	15	6
The Surgeons	15	4
180s leaders: Andy Reid & P. Rowley both x4, Robin Townsend x3, Five players all x2, nine players x1.		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	15	21
Midnight Runners	15	19
Time Bombs	15	19
Interbetweeners	14	17
Mis Fit	15	17
Anchor Five	15	16
Only Just	16	12
The Royal Nuts	16	12
Odds & Sods	13	8
Tip Top Odds	14	7
180s leaders: Chris Eaton & Paul Bearpark both x3, James Crabb & Andre Reynolds both x2, six players x1.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	17	21
No Direction	15	21
Robbie's Rebels	15	21
Tiger Bees	14	20
Sorted Odds	17	20
Whamo	15	17
Con Artists	14	13
Mozzies Heroes	17	10
Red Arrows	16	8
Money Shotz Mafia	18	7
180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, J. Hunter, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell, Fran Potter & Andy Page (all x1).		

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	20	35
Anchor Aces	20	29
Clocking In	20	28
Knight 'n' Gals	20	24
Against the Odds	20	17
Queen Bees	20	15
Queenes of the Club	20	6
Cliff Hangers	20	6
180s: Sarah Chick x4, Janet Collins & Tina Dawe both x2, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet all x1.		

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sue's Rebels	18	28
Castaways	18	27
Tracey's Tarts	18	26
Next Door	17	18
Good Mates	18	16
Wildcats	17	16
Anchors Aweigh	18	14
Tiger Stripes	18	10
Charlie's Angels	18	5
180s leaders: L. Sweet x1		

Lyme Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	15	30
Nags Head A	14	25
Nags Z	13	19
Rockpoint	12	18
Janners	14	16
Four Play	14	13
Royal Standard	12	12
Talbot Arms	13	10
Hunters Lodge	13	9
Cobb Arms	15	6
George	13	4
Half an Octopus	14	0

180s: Terry Prowse x6, Mark Barnett x5, Wayne Doble x3, R. Cross & Chris Higgs x2, six players x1.

Short Mat Bowls

Axe Valley A/N D2	Pd	+/-	Pts
St Teresa's	8	171	11
Musbury	8	40	10
LYME REGIS	8	-39	9
Hemyock	8	89	8
Chard B.	7	89	7
Seaton Cliff A	8	-173	6
Combe St Nic A	7	-177	3

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Colfox runners boost Dorset in SW Championships

EIGHT members of The Sir John Colfox School cross country team were selected to run for Dorset after impressive performances saw them finish in the top ten at the recent County Championships, thus guaranteeing them the right to wear the green of Dorset.

Tom Crabtree was the outstanding runner finishing 13th in the Junior Boys race which saw Dorset finish second overall of the seven counties taking part. Dan Elliott finished 62nd.

Dorset's Year 7 Girls finished 3rd with Maddy Herbert securing 42nd and Ellen Pearce in 66th place.

Livvy Willmore (Year 8) was the only Colfox runner in the Junior

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Girls where she finished 36th in helping Dorset to fourth place.

Zakjohn Ousley led a trio of Bridport runners home in the Year 7 Boys with a creditable 38th place finish, with Euan Pollock 60th and Barney Sutcliffe 68th to help Dorset secured fourth.

This year Wiltshire were the hosts and the event was held at the picturesque Grittleton House School near Chippenham and the 36 acres of land made for a truly magnificent day.

Coach Andy David said: "All the runners did themselves very, very proud and this is a great fi-

nale to the end of what has been an incredible cross-country season."

Evie Morgan of Woodroffe finished a credible 31st in the Senior Girl's race where Dorset finished third.

The performances of Crabtree (JB), Willmore (JG) and Morgan (SG) has seen them selected to run for their county at the English School's Championship's at Blackburn on 14th March.

Willmore will be joined by Woodroffe's Jasmine Wellman in the JG with Colfox's Ceri Edwards named as a standby.

Manny Cox and Dan Elliott (both Colfox) and Oliver Caute of Woodroffe are named as reserves for the Junior Boys squad.



◆ **SUPERB SEASON:** Year 7 Colfox runners Zakjohn Ousley, Euan Pollock and Barney Sutcliffe pictured at the South West Counties Cross Country Championships.

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